

DATA TO STRENGTHEN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT/WORKGROUP

A workspace for WNY Youth Education Providers

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We are pleased to announce...



CHAPIN HALL

The funding of a Data to Strengthen Youth Development, (DSYD) a new workgroup for WNY programs. Cullen has hired Chapin Hall to spend the school year working with local education nonprofits. Chapin Hall brings unparalleled practical and research expertise on issues around poverty, community capacity, and education. Chapin Hall will work with local nonprofits to identify outcomes the organizations wish to measure and then examine assessments and supports necessary to successfully do so. We hope that a consensus emerges around some different assessments and supports so that we can purchase those assessments for groups of organizations next summer.

PROCESS

Between October 2021 and June 2022, the workgroup will identify:



The skills and outcomes for Erie County children and youth prioritized by local Supplemental Academic Programs (SAP) programs.



Aligned assessments appropriate for use in diverse Supplemental Academic Program (SAP) settings.



The tools, practices, and other capacities Supplemental Academic Program (SAP) partners need to support data collection and use.

ACTIVITIES

SPECIFIC TASKS INCLUDE



Developing a charter and process for collaboration



Gathering and synthesizing research and other information on assessments



Identifying priorities for measures and tools that align with SAP program goals



Selecting appropriate tools for use in Erie County youth education programs

Goal

The workgroup will identify and recommend promising assessments, tools, and other enhancements to build capacity among SAP partners to strengthen the development of Erie County children and youth. Cullen will then work with local organizations to purchase as many of these assessments and supports as are practicable. In the long term, the initiative also seeks to transition the workgroup into a learning community that is sustained beyond the 9-month period.

Timeline

The workgroup will run for the duration of this school year with the goal of funding local nonprofits' efforts to assess student growth in their afterschool, in-school, and summer programs. On a monthly basis, this workgroup will bring together Supplemental Academic Program (SAP) partners serving Erie County to synthesize research findings with their expertise as practitioners and plan for the future.



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