

PTSAA Stakeholder Group Strategic Plan Recommendation

Goal - Improve educational outcomes for individuals, pregnancy through age 25, across the ST3 area in Pierce County with an emphasis on people of color and a particular focus on:

- Individuals from low-income families,
- Individuals who are vulnerable to or have experienced homelessness,
- Individuals who are vulnerable to or have experienced foster care or relative care.

Principles to Determine How Funding Decisions Are Made

- **Community Engagement and Co-design**
 - A group and facilitator committed to co-design principles
 - A group that represents the populations served
 - A group with county-wide representation within the ST3 area
 - A decision-making board to the extent possible; otherwise an advisory board
 - Leverage the work of other collaborative efforts and collective impact initiatives, for an example of collective impact see Santa Fe Birth to Career Collaboration https://www.santafeb2c.org/uploads/4/2/2/0/42201285/summit_handouts_overview_on_ci_sf_b2c_cabinet_outcomes.pdf
- **Needs Assessment**
 - Compile existing needs assessments
 - Determine if there is a need for additional assessments, for example if there is a gap in understanding the needs of youth experiencing homelessness
- **Data-informed Planning**
 - Identify a process and specific metrics to track progress.
 - Identify “predictive indicators” and outcomes to track progress (A “predictive indicator” is a measure to track intermediate progress to see if you are on-track to meeting your desired outcomes.)
 - Use adaptive management to adjust and improve how funding is spent based on what is learned from tracking progress, including learning about what is working and not working so well.
 - Emphasize best practices based on research, while making room for innovation in programs and policies.
- **Apply a Racial Equity Lens**
 - Eliminating race as a predictor of progress and success for children 0-5. Thrive Washington collaborated on [Racial Equity Theory of Change](#) for early learning in Washington State.
- **Apply a Prevention Lens**
- **Transparent Process with Clear Steps and Timeline for Funding Decisions**
- **Focus on Individuals Pregnancy through 25 years with Support for their Families**
- **All Funded Activities Relate Directly to the Goal**