

# Momentum Towards Readiness

For more than two years, the Readiness Projects has been bringing together unlikely partners with an unwavering focus on youth potential to advance work informed by science and grounded in practice, supporting all adults in all settings and systems across the diverse youth fields.



A unified effort supported by The Forum for Youth Investment, the National Urban League, and the American Institutes for Research

## PROJECTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Our projects and partnerships have defined, explored, mapped, and advanced ideas and strategies for bold, equitable, community-wide and community-driven readiness. The research, tools, and examples have been created and reviewed by co-strategists to ensure a range of perspectives.

### PROMOTING THRIVING YOUTH FIELD

#### Applying the Science of Learning and Development in Community Programs—Brief

Translating the science of learning and development for community programs.

Lead Partner: American Institutes for Research, Forum for Youth Investment

#### Applying the Science of Learning and Development in Practice—Community Vignettes

Learnings from seven national youth-serving organizations on how they are aligning the science of learning and development to their organizational and program practices.

Lead Partner: American Institutes for Research

#### Bright Spots

Database of “bright spots” from stories of youth fields work.

Lead Partner: Readiness Projects Coordinating Partners

#### Emerging Voices from the Pandemic: Students Speak Out

Film Series from the National Urban League on stories of young people navigating through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lead Partner: National Urban League

#### Making the Invisible Visible

Discussion series with leaders in youth fields (including young people) that sheds light onto issues facing young people & organizations serving them.

Lead Partner: Readiness Projects Coordinating Partners

### STRENGTHENING LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT ECOSYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE

#### Build Forward Together

A mobilization endeavor bringing coherence to local efforts to rebuild and re-imagine a community’s learning and development ecosystem.

Lead Partner: Forum for Youth Investment

#### Changing the Odds: A Community Dialogue on What it Will Take

A collaborative blogging platform on Medium with examples, tools, and ideas.

Lead Partner: Readiness Projects Coordinating Partners

#### Equitable Ecosystems for Youth and Young Adults

An effort aimed to advance the science findings that show the key components of young people’s learning and development ecosystems.

Lead Partner: Forum for Youth Investment

#### It Takes an Ecosystem

Volume in the Current Issues in Out-of-School Time book series on the learning and development ecosystem.

Lead Partner: Readiness Projects Co-Strategists

#### Thriving, Robust Equity, and Transformative Learning & Development

This paper conceptualizes a new definition of youth success to address educational and racial equity.

Lead Partner: Readiness Projects Coordinating Partners

### STRENGTHENING THE ESSENTIAL WORKFORCE

#### Design Principles for Community Based Settings: Putting the Science of Learning and Development into Action

This playbook suggests design principles to nurture innovations, new models, and new enabling policies.

Lead Partner: Forum for Youth Investment

#### Youth Fields Workforce Survey Feasibility Study

A study to determine the feasibility of and a plan for conducting a national Youth Fields Survey.

Lead Partner: American Institutes for Research

#### COMING SOON: National Urban League Design Principles: Social Emotional Learning for Racial Equity, Justice, and Empowerment

In 2022, National Urban League will be releasing its SEL principles and rubric to guide policies and programs to better serve youth.

Lead Partner: National Urban League

#### COMING SOON: Youth Engagement in Practice

Elevating strategies for youth engagement from youth and youth leadership organizations.

Lead Partner: American Institutes for Research

## THE READINESS IMPACT



The Readiness Projects has been able to reach over 750,000 people since 2019 to promote the thriving youth field, strengthen the learning and development ecosystem infrastructure, and strengthen the essential workforce through:

450K+

IMPRESSIONS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

300K+

EXTERNAL ARTICLE READERS

60+

BRIGHT SPOTS HIGHLIGHTED

35+

BLOG POSTS

25+

WEBINARS

## CONTINUE THE READINESS MOVEMENT

Join us as partners as we continue to advance the readiness agenda to dramatically change the odds for youth.

[GET STARTED!](#)

## THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

### COORDINATING PARTNERS

American Institutes for Research  
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National Urban League

### CO-STRATEGISTS

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Afterschool Alliance  
American Institutes for Research  
America’s Promise Alliance  
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Attendance Works  
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California Afterschool Network  
California Department of Education, Expanded Learning Division  
Coalition for Community Schools, Institute for Educational Leadership  
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EducationCounsel  
Education Reimagined  
Education Trust  
Every Hour Counts  
First Quarter Strategies  
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Learning Policy Institute  
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