



LearnTogetherMN Briefing Series: Successful Strategies to Boost Kindergarten Readiness

In 2012, the Northside Achievement Zone was awarded a \$28 million federal Promise Neighborhood grant and the Child-Parent Center project at the University of Minnesota's Human Capital Research Collaborative was awarded a \$15 million federal Investing in Innovation (i3) grant. Since that time, both projects have been working to build evidence about what works to improve education outcomes for children in our community. As those projects get closer to the end of their five-year grants, LearnTogetherMN is convening briefings for them to share what they are learning. If you are working to close education opportunity gaps in Minnesota, please join us for one or both of these briefings. The events are free, but we ask that you register for each event separately using the links below. Please feel free to invite others from your networks. Register early – space is limited!



Northside Achievement Zone

DATE: Friday, November 20

TIME: 9 a.m. – noon

LOCATION: 2123 West Broadway Avenue, Room 100, Minneapolis

REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/1MkVgyT>

Join us for an in-depth briefing on the Northside Achievement Zone's (NAZ) partnership model that is closing the kindergarten readiness gap in Minnesota. This briefing is a great opportunity for organizations and educators to get an inside look at successful strategies such as:

- A best practice "solution plan" that can be shared and implemented across a network of early childhood partners.
- Using shared data across partner organizations using the NAZ Connect system.
- Shaping program decisions in real time through a monthly convening of partners and key staff to determine what's working, what needs improvement, and action steps needed to reach shared goals.

Several unique approaches will be covered, including the challenges and benefits of shared ownership with the parents and North Minneapolis community organizations; and the successes and challenges that NAZ has faced to date.

Child-Parent Center

DATE: Tuesday, November 10

TIME: 9 a.m. - noon

LOCATION: Humphrey School of Public Affairs, 301 19th Ave S, Room 180

REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/1PgPkp7>



Join us for an in-depth briefing on the Child-Parent Center program, currently implemented in several districts in Minnesota and Illinois. The project team at the Human Capital Research Collaborative is working to identify which program elements are essential to closing gaps in educational opportunities for children age three to grade three. Join the CPC team for a morning of presentation and discussion on topics including:

- What is the Child-Parent Center model?
- What are they learning about critical program elements, including part day vs. full day programs and the impact of parent involvement?
- What kinds of challenges have districts and community partners faced in implementing the Child-Parent Center model?
- How might my community implement the Child-Parent Center, and how does fidelity to the program elements tie to scaling and sustainability over time?