



*To go far, go together:
Building a solid foundation
for collective impact*

FCAN Summit, May 2017

Keith Oswald, keith.oswald@palmbeachschools.org

Christine Koehn, ckoehn@farrisfdn.org

Becky Youngman, becky.youngman@palmbeachschools.org

**“To go fast, go alone. To
go far, go together.”**

- African proverb

What is Achieve Palm Beach County?

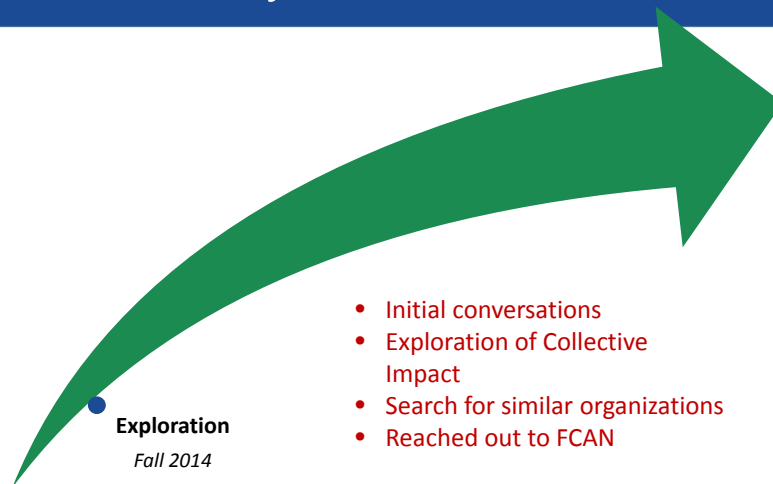
A partnership of education, government, nonprofit, business, philanthropic, and other organizations committed to increasing access to and completion of education beyond high school.

Our vision is that every Palm Beach County high school graduate completes a post-secondary credential within six-years of high school graduation that prepares them for a meaningful career with a sustainable wage.

Our mission is to ensure an integrated and effective system of supports from middle school through post-secondary that empowers students for career success.

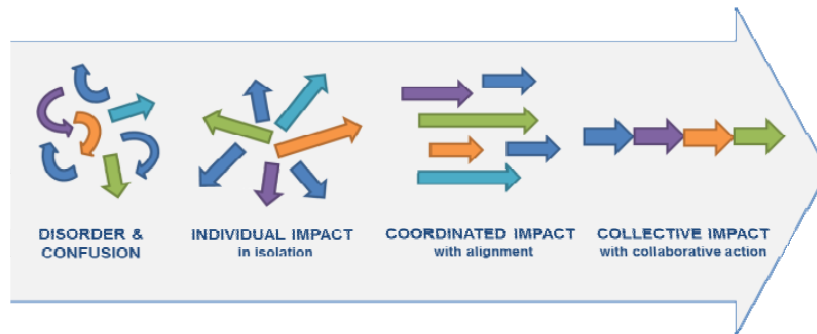
Our goals are seamless enrollment in post-secondary education; persistence to year 2; completion among seamless enrollees; completion among high school graduates.

Our Journey



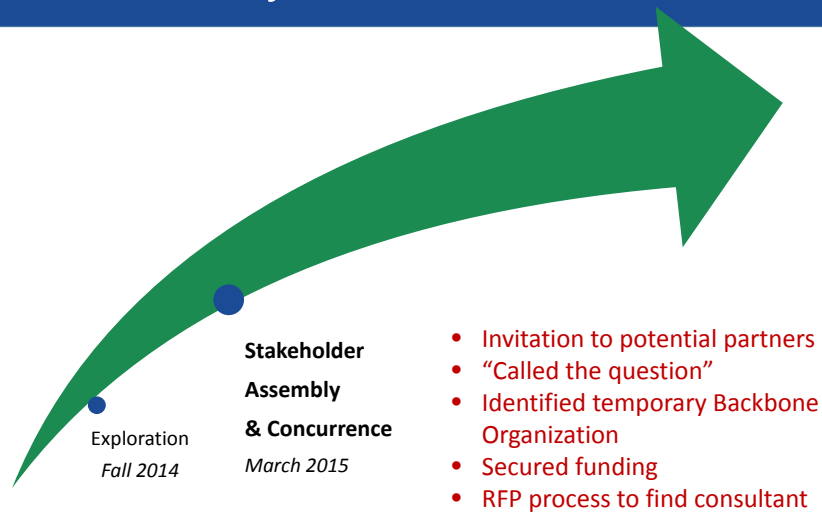
The Opportunity

- Redirecting isolated impact into collective impact
 - Aligning our interests and efforts for greater impact



<https://www.santafecf.org/birth-to-career>

Our Journey



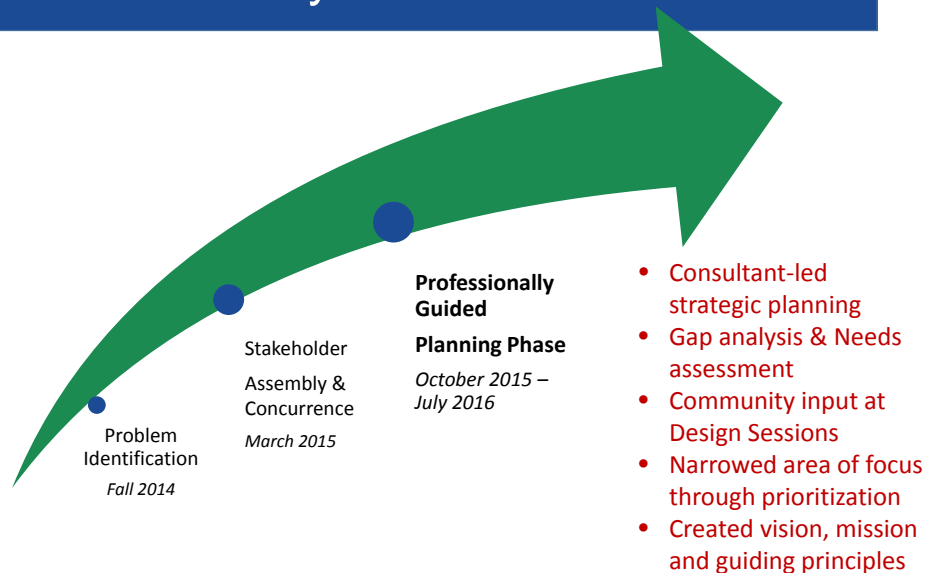
Stakeholders

160 community representatives from various sectors united in their concern about student success and career readiness:

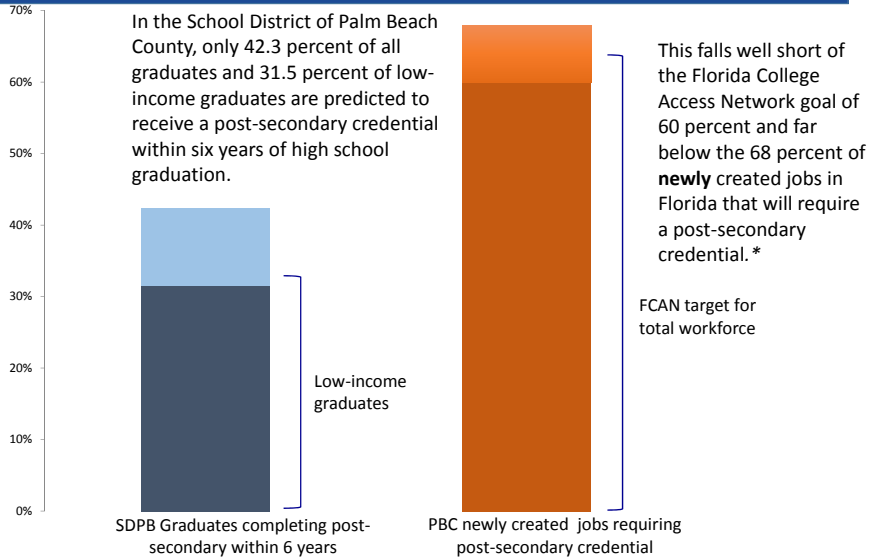
- K-12 public and private educators & administrators
- Post-secondary institutions
- Elected officials
- Government
- Foundations
- Nonprofits
- Businesses, faith-based agencies, and others



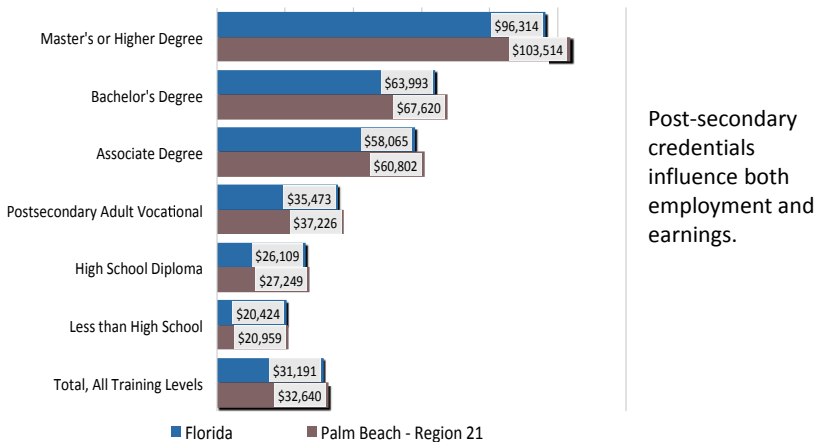
Our Journey



The Gap

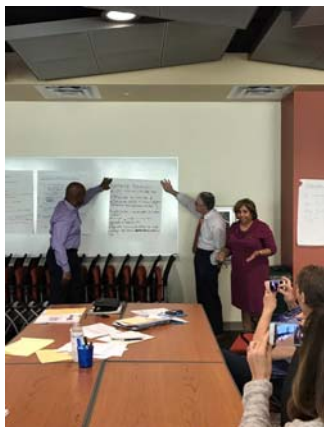


The Opportunity



Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics

How did you determine your community's needs?
How do you seek feedback to prioritize work?



Our Journey



Problem Identification
Fall 2014

Stakeholder Assembly & Concurrence
March 2015

Professionally Guided Planning Phase
October 2015 – July 2016

Implementation

Phase

December 2016 to present

- Developed governance structure
- Created Strategy and Support work groups
- Identified Executive Champions
- Identified outcome targets
- Created website and promotional materials
- Organized a public launch
- Engaged permanent Backbone Organization
- Continue securing funding
- Hire Executive Director

Governance Structure



Community Champions

Maria Antuna
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Robert Avossa
School District of PBC

Paulette Burdick
Community Leader

Dennis Gallon
Community Leader

Laurie George
United Way of PBC

Bradley Hurlburt
Community Foundation for PBMC

John Kelly
Florida Atlantic University

Donald Kiselewski
Florida Power and Light

Christine Koehn
Farris Foundation

Jeri Muoio
City of West Palm Beach

Ava Parker
Palm Beach State College

Alex Price
Comcast

Lisa Williams-Taylor
Children's Services Council of PBC

Targeted Outcomes

Performance Results	Current Performance	Targeted Achievement 2024
Seamless College Access	68.7% (2015 HS graduates)	80% (2023 graduates)
Persistence to a Second Year	86.6% (2014 HS graduates)	95% (2023 graduates)
Completion among Seamless College Enrollees*	62.5% (2009 HS graduates)	80% (2018 HS graduates)
Completion among High School Graduates**	42.3% (2019 HS graduates)	65% (2018 HS graduates)
*Seamless enrollees receiving degree within six years of HS graduation		
**% of <i>all</i> high school graduates that receive a degree within six years of HS graduation		

Strategy Workgroups



Parent engagement and support



Post-secondary advising for high school students



Completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



Scholarships, non-financial resources & support services for college students





Contact Information

- Keith Oswald, keith.oswald@palmbeachschools.org
- Christine Koehn, ckoehn@farrisfdn.org
- Becky Youngman,
becky.youngman@palmbeachschools.org

