

Redding Consortium for Educational Equity Social Determinants Work Group

Work Group Co-Chairs

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Recap

This work group was launched in July for the purpose of identifying disparities between students in Northern New Castle County related to the social determinants of educational success and developing solutions. This group recognizes that there is a great deal of work being done on behalf of the children it seeks to serve, but that much of it is disconnected. Part of this group's charge is to align partners in the community to achieve maximum impact. This work is approached holistically, capturing all elements of a child's development inside and outside the classroom.

The group has met three times and identified three priority areas for immediate attention: Racial and Social Justice; School and Community Partnerships for Wraparound Services; and Holistic Child Development focusing on Birth to age 5.

To date, each group has developed a one-page document outlining the key themes they have identified, a definition of success within that theme and key components of a program necessary to produce results. The three small groups, their leadership and a link to each group's document are included below:

- **Wrap-Around Services**
 - Leadership: Tamara Smith
 - [Link to Memo](#)
- **Early Childhood**
 - Leadership: Dawn Alexander & Shanika Perry
 - [Link to Memo](#)
- **Racial Justice**
 - Leadership: Roger Harrison & Yassir Payne
 - [Link to Memo](#)

Goals

This work group seeks to have substantive recommendations developed for consideration by state legislators by December. These short-term recommendations are intended to be part of state budget discussions. Once this process is complete, the group is going to be turning its attention to larger, longer-term solutions.

Upcoming Work Group Meeting Dates

The next Work Group meeting will take place on Thursday, October 29, 5:00-6:30 p.m.