Cradle 2 Career Update from Julie Ruzek to C2C Ambassadors on March 1, 2024

1. Thank you to Rotarians for the Holiday Classic funds ($10,000) from our 3 Clubs!

* $10,000 covers most of the tangible costs for the 2024 Education Summit, such as venue rental, lunch, & supplies
* Julie sent thank you notes to the 3 Clubs

1. Leadership Table Meeting Feb. 28, 2024

* They looked at themes and trends, based on data collected
* C2C staff’s “Ask” of Leadership Table: **“Please be our champion in the community”. This is also an “Ask” for Rotarians!**
* **Please Follow C2C on social media: @cradle2careerMN. C2C is on Facebook, Instagram, & You Tube**

1. Recap of the Networks within Cradle 2 Career:

* Prenatal to 3
* Transition to Kindergarten (formerly “Kindergarten Readiness”)
* Third Grade Reading
* Eighth Grade Math
* High School Graduation (measuring graduation in 4 years (traditional students) & in 7 years (non-traditional students)
* Post Secondary Degree within 6 Years of Graduation

1. Expansion of Parent Council

* Parent Council was tripled in size to bring in members from marginalized populations (Black, African American, Hispanic-Latino, non-English language learners)
* These members engage with their respective communities to gather input for providing possible solutions
* Beth Martinez was hired as a full-time Parent Advocate. She also engages with the student population.

1. Prenatal to 3 Network

* Two work groups: Access to Prenatal Care & Access to Child Care
* Work groups are finishing up collecting data, but early data reveals that there are disparities for marginalized populations (Black, African American, Hispanic-Latino, non-English language learners) in both access to prenatal care and access to child care.
* The plan is to work with partners in those communities, building & repairing relationships, and learning from them what they need in order to access care (see “Expansion of Parent Council” above).

1. Transition to Kindergarten Network

* The name change puts the focus on the need for the community and the education system to meet the needs of all children entering kindergarten. The former name, “Kindergarten Readiness” implied it was the responsibility of the child to be “ready”.
* New Parent Council members from underrepresented populations met with this Network and shared the barriers within their communities for children transitioning to kindergarten, resulting in the Network adjusting its plan.