

COMMUNITY CONNECTION August 2022



Summer was a busy time for Tri-County Cradle to Career Collaborative. Not only did we welcome our new Board Chair Kenya Dunn and three new board members, Ericka Plater, Dr. Rick Foster, and CT Burton, but we began work on recasting a vision aimed at fostering and creating the pathway to equitable power within our organization and, ultimately, throughout our work.

Speaking of work, the Collaborative was honored to partner with the City of Charleston and the National League of Cities to convene a mini-summit to examine the pre-natal to kindergarten ecosystem and its impact on workforce and economic development. We also met with our statewide coalition to focus on a policy and advocacy agenda on behalf of children and families across the cradle-to-career continuum, and worked with the Cross community in Berkeley county to prepare for a community conversation. This conversation will focus on digital equity and inclusion, and the activities needed to support the Cross community around access and adoption activities.

As we begin a new fiscal year, we are grateful to our grant funders who continue to make this work possible by investing in Tri-County Cradle to Career Collaborative: StriveTogether, AT&T Foundation, First Citizens Bank, TD Bank, Dorchester County, and the Patrick Family Foundation.

And of course, we remain grateful to every partner and volunteer who so graciously show up, provide guidance and advice, and hold the Collaborative accountable to its vision and mission.

In partnership,

Phyllis Martin
CEO/President

INSIDE TCCC



Recasting the Vision

Tri-County Cradle to Career (TCCC) is on a continued path of success with our new Board Chair Kenya Dunn at the helm. She is humbled to assume this role from founding Chair Anita Zucker. We are excited to share her vision for TCCC moving forward. Please watch for a special edition of our Community Connection newsletter that will focus on her leadership priorities.

Leadership



TCCC had the amazing experience of working with **Michell Cordova-Huerta**, a student intern through the Bank of America. As one of two Charleston-area high schoolers as Student Leaders to participate in an eight-week summer internship, Michell provided support and gained experience of workforce skills, leadership, and civic engagement. [Read more](#)



This year, our very own Community Leadership Council Chair and Board of Directors member **Ericka Plater's** organization, Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach, was recognized and awarded Nonprofit of the Year by the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce.

Congratulations for all of your hard work! [Learn more about this amazing organization >>](#)

IN THE COMMUNITY

Equity Lens on Pre-Natal to Kindergarten Readiness Ecosystem



On Aug. 11, TCCC partnered with the City of Charleston to convene stakeholders and early childhood leaders from across the region to examine the pre-natal to kindergarten ecosystem through an equity lens and the impact it has on the workforce and economic development.



The meeting was facilitated by Jammie Albert from the National League of Cities.

StemEd Workshop + St. Julian Devine Summer Series

The last days of summer were set ablaze at St. Julian Devine. The TCCC team partnered with Charleston County Public Library (CCPL) to host the first STEMEd Workshop at St. Julian Devine Community Center. During this first session, campers experimented with electrical conductors.

A few weeks after the STEMEd Workshop, students gathered again for another learning opportunity. This session introduced coding, and specifically how to create code to animate and move characters across a screen.



Help Our Communities Achieve Their Goals. DONATE NOW!



TCCC is looking for a Project & Data Assistant AmeriCorps VISTA!

Is that you or someone you know?

If yes, please send an email to mary@tricountycradletocareer.org

8 REASONS TO AMERICORPS VISTA

A program of the Corporation for National & Community Service

MORE THAN
220,000
AMERICANS HAVE SERVED




LEVERAGED
\$178M
IN OUTSIDE RESOURCES
LAST YEAR

8,000
MEMBERS SERVE
EVERY YEAR

MOBILIZING
900,000+
VOLUNTEERS

FIGHTING
POVERTY
WITH PEOPLE POWER
SINCE 1965




3,000+
LOCATIONS
TACKLING PROBLEMS
WITH LOCAL SOLUTIONS

79%
OF ALUMS PLAN TO BE
ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN
THEIR COMMUNITY




PATHWAY TO
EMPLOYMENT

\$380 MILLION


IN SCHOLARSHIPS EARNED

AmeriCorps.gov/VISTA

#AMERICORPSWORKS #IAMVISTA

As an AmeriCorps member in the VISTA program, you will support an

organization to make sustainable change in areas that affect poverty, including education, public health, climate, access to benefits, and more. Through activities such as fundraising, grant writing, research, and volunteer recruitment, you will gain professional experience and leadership skills. This opportunity prepares you for a life of service in the public, private, or nonprofit sector.

Email mary@tricountycradletocareer.org to find out more about our TCCC AmeriCorps Vista Program or take the '[Fit Finder](#)'.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR WORK!

FOLLOW and LIKE TCCC on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)!

Better yet, please **engage with us**. Not only do we want to hear from you, but your regular engagement means more people will continue to see our posts.

PLEASE DONATE. EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS!

Tri-County Cradle to Career Collaborative
2180 McMillan Ave. #71544, North Charleston, SC 29415
tricountycradletocareer.org

FOLLOW US



Tri-County Cradle to Career | 2180 McMillan Ave. #71544, North Charleston, SC 29415

[Unsubscribe mary@tricountycradletocareer.org](#)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by info@tricountycradletocareer.org powered by



Try email marketing for free today!