

# Policy Implementation Community of Practice



Policy is a critical lever of change to put more young people on a path to economic mobility. Effective public policy implementation requires partnership, grounded in data and outcomes, between public sector leaders and those closest to the communities served. In 2024, the Policy Implementation Community of Practice, which will be led by StriveTogether in partnership with The EdRedesign Lab at Harvard Graduate School of Education, will support states along their policy implementation journey, providing a structure for shared learning and specialized support. In year one, California, Minnesota, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, and Washington will be participating states.

Participants will learn together, share promising practices and solutions to problems of practice, and build relationships with each other, policymakers, field experts, and administrators. Gatherings will blend relationship building, peer-to-peer learning, as well as strategy and operational support from external experts from StriveTogether, EdRedesign, and other national organizations.

The goal of the Community of Practice is for participating states to craft or refine policy implementation plans, aimed at improving outcomes and putting more of their young people on a path to economic mobility.

## CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION

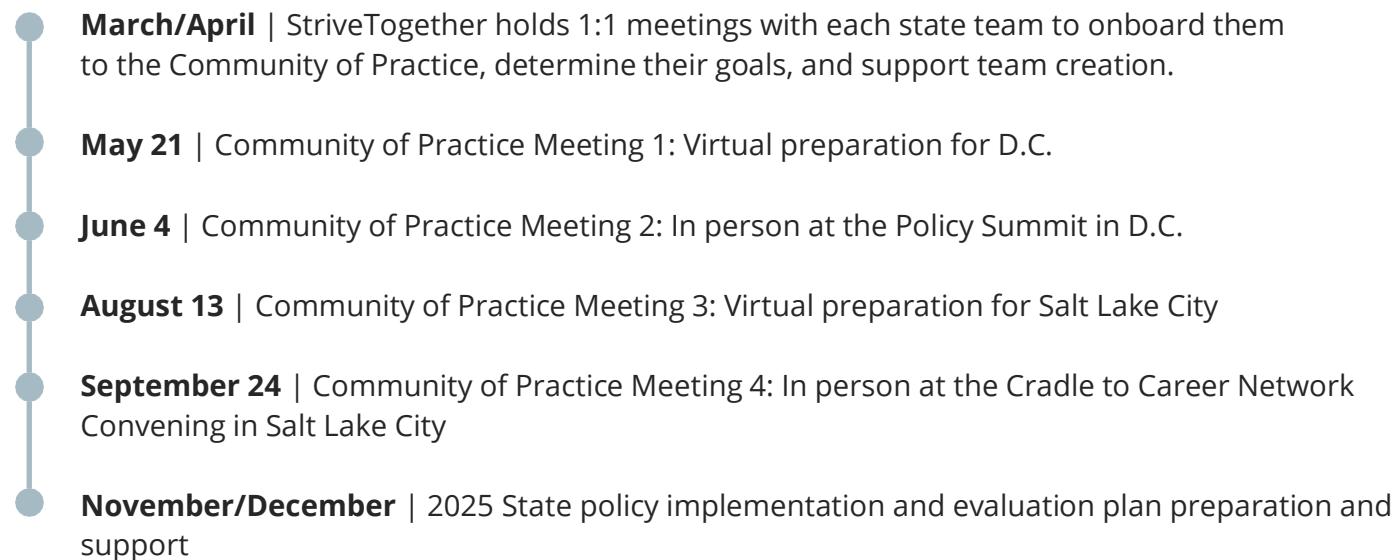
- Participants must be **partnerships or state coalitions** that work directly with a state agency on policy implementation, which has led to:
  - **Funding for place-based partnerships or**
  - **Policies aimed at improving outcomes for children and youth.**
- Participants must create a Community of Practice team composed of StriveTogether Cradle to Career Network member representatives, aligned state agency representatives, and a legislative policy champion (if applicable).
- Data systems must be available (or in development) and used by state teams to inform policy needs and to drive policy decisions.

## MEETING PROGRAMMING

Each convening will be designed to offer the knowledge, inspiration, tools, resources, and support participants need to produce or refine a 2025 state policy implementation plan.

Virtual pre-meets will precede each in-person convening. In-person convenings will be held the day before each of the StriveTogether's Policy Summit in D.C. and the Cradle to Career Network Convening in Salt Lake City. Participants will be encouraged to bring their full team to each convening. Each meeting and convening will conclude with participant evaluations to allow us to meet emergent needs of the Community of Practice and continuously learn alongside participants.

## TIMELINE



- **March/April** | StriveTogether holds 1:1 meetings with each state team to onboard them to the Community of Practice, determine their goals, and support team creation.
- **May 21** | Community of Practice Meeting 1: Virtual preparation for D.C.
- **June 4** | Community of Practice Meeting 2: In person at the Policy Summit in D.C.
- **August 13** | Community of Practice Meeting 3: Virtual preparation for Salt Lake City
- **September 24** | Community of Practice Meeting 4: In person at the Cradle to Career Network Convening in Salt Lake City
- **November/December** | 2025 State policy implementation and evaluation plan preparation and support