ARTICULATION: STRENGTHENING INTERAGENCY CONNECTIONS AND KEY TRANSITIONS

Corning Promise, in alliance with regional partners, is supporting and implementing a continuum of solutions built around a holistic change model that embraces deeper engagement (horizontal connections) and works to create continuity (vertical transitions) to facilitate learning and growth. This holistic approach is premised on the belief that learning is cumulative and for children’s lives to be deeply and positively impacted, systems need to be better connected.

**Vertical Transitions**

Vertical transitions focus on linking and strengthening connections to promote continuous growth and development. Services and programs that have been supported by Corning Promise that build bridges include:

- Aligning instructional strategies across early learning programs and elementary schools through educators’ participation in joint-transition related trainings and sharing assessment data;
- Mathematics teachers learning ways their curriculum content intersect and smoothing “curricula” transitions between middle school and high school;
- Connecting students to college and post-secondary education programs through participation in dual enrollment classes and receiving support from college advisors;
- Supporting the mental health of students by providing services across the preschool-to-high school spectrum without disruption; and,
- Ensuring continuity of services through extended learning opportunities in afterschool and summer programs in core content areas.

**Horizontal Connections**

The horizontal connectedness extends learning and activities to deepen engagement. A few of the services supported by Corning Promise include:

- Increasing the number of children receiving early childhood health and educational programming;
- Enhancing teachers’ professional knowledge in core content areas;
- Leveraging partnerships to expand literacy development opportunities in the community;
- Extending community-based recreation and enrichment programs that seeks to enhance children’s well-being;
- Expanding services for at-risk youth by providing a strong support system and wrap-around services to enhance the adolescent’s well-being;
- Increasing children’s knowledge of protective factors and positive action-taking that enable them to make wise decisions;
- Supporting second language learners in acquiring English proficiency and grade-level content comprehension by increasing educators’ knowledge of instructional strategies and strengthening the support systems;
- Integrating social emotional learning into existing support systems; and,
- Promoting interagency collaboration to increase effective delivery of service to families.

These are a few of the ways that Corning Promise has been working to advance the goal of all children from the community will be successful.