

FutureMakers Coalition Partner

## What is Future Ready Collier?

A network of organizations, businesses, schools and community members working to ensure every child in Collier County is ready for Kindergarten, and every young person enters adulthood with a vision and plan to accomplish that vision.

Future Ready Collier is a FutureMakers Coalition Partner, and the goal of the regional coalition is to transform the Southwest Florida workforce by increasing the number of college degrees, certificates or other high-quality credentials from 27 percent to 40 percent by 2025.

## Why Future Ready Collier?

The time is now to strengthen partnerships to leverage improvements in education and the community to deepen our collective capacity to build and sustain a dynamic economy that works for everyone.

Ensure all children are developmentally ready for Kindergarten upon enrollment.

> Support all students in graduating high school and obtaining post-secondary credentials.

## Who is involved?

Convening Partners - In June 2015, Champions For Learning, Collier County Public Schools, Community Foundation of Collier County, the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, Naples Children and Education Foundation, and United Way of Collier County agreed to work together to explore the opportunities to identify and support community-wide goals that would help children be ready for school, and to help students achieve their post-high school goals. Since then, community organizations and institutions have embraced the opportunity to get involved in this collaborative effort to help all of our children thrive.

Working Groups - There are two working groups, one focused on early learning and the other focused on college and career readiness. The collaborating organizations listed to the right are involved in one or both of these groups.

# Who is this for?

Everyone can be part of this effort. Watch for specific ideas for things you can do. Teams are working on system level improvements to strengthen and expand supports for families and young people. You can also act individually by taking on a future ready mindset and engaging your friends, colleagues, workers and family members about what they need to do to be future ready.



**LEARN** Champions For Learning is the organization facilitating the collaboration. Contact Lisa Church (Q (239) 643.4755 KLChurch@ChampionsForLearning.org

#### COLLABORATING ORGANIZATIONS

**Big Brothers Big Sisters Sun Coast** Boys & Girls Club of Collier County Career Source Southwest Florida Champions For Learning Collier Child Care Resources, Inc. **Collier County Health Department Collier County HIPPY Collier County Public Schools** Collier County Sheriff's Office Drug Free Collier Early Learning Coalition of SWFL Early Steps Florida College Access Network Florida Gulf Coast University State College Friends of Foster Children FunTime Early Childhood Gargiulo Education Center Grace Place for Children and Families Greater Marco Family YMCA **Greater Naples YMCA Guadalupe** Center Education Foundation RCMA Rotary Club of Naples Southwest Florida Community Foundation The Immokalee Foundation