

## E<sup>3</sup> Alliance - Building Systems Change in Education through Collective Impact

E3 Alliance is a regional, **data-driven education collaborative** based in Austin, Texas. We are building the **strongest educational pipeline in the country** to drive regional economic prosperity. Founded in 2006, E3 Alliance acts as a catalyst for change, working to break-down barriers and build better alignment across the education continuum.

- We are **data-driven, student-centered, and results-oriented**
- We believe a **regional, collaborative** strategy is the most effective platform for scalable change
- For all students to achieve their potential, the entire education journey must be **robust, aligned and agile**
- We build on unique precedents for successful **public-private partnerships**
- We are guided by a regional strategic plan, created by our stakeholders, called **The Blueprint for Educational Change**



### History of the Organization

E3 Alliance emerged from a conversation of Central Texas community, business and education leaders struggling to understand how best to support education systems in the region that would not only lead to the success of 10 children, 100 children or even 10,000, but that would improve outcomes for the hundreds of thousands of children who are in our education systems from cradle to career. For these leaders, the challenges were in not having the objective data to know which programs were yielding the best results or where the greatest leverage would be for student success, and not understanding which initiatives and practices were truly scalable to inform policy change. To address these pressing issues, business entrepreneur turned civic leader, Susan Dawson, stepped up to the challenge and founded E3 Alliance. She continues to serve as the organization's President and Executive Director.

E3 Alliance (Education Equals Economics)'s founding principle is that having an outstanding regional education system based on objective data and evidence will drive a strong, sustained economy. Founded in 2006, E3 Alliance acts as a catalyst for change and is the P-16 Council for the Central Texas region, working to break down barriers and build better alignment across the education continuum. Since its inception, E3 has worked to address the need for systematic and thoughtful change in education from cradle to career. As the leading Texas model for data-driven reform in education, its goal is to strengthen the region's economic competitiveness by increasing educational outcomes for all students, and provide a replicable model to take to regions across the country.

In 2009, FSG Social Impact Advisors consulted with E3 Alliance to provide strategic guidance for the organization's next phase of work. Their findings indicated that only one other effort in the nation had undertaken such an ambitious approach at such a large scale systemic change in education. FSG later developed a term for this kind of holistic, cross-sector approach to solving complex social issues, called "Collective Impact." E3 Alliance acts as the backbone organization in engaging multiple stakeholders to address complex education systems issues through a common agenda in a nationally recognized model of Collective Impact.

E3 Alliance is guided by *The Blueprint for Educational Change™*, our regional strategic plan to build the strongest educational pipeline in the country. *The Blueprint* sets priorities designed to drive systematic change over the next decade, and is organized around four priority goals: 1) To ensure that all students enter Kindergarten school-ready; 2) To eliminate achievement gaps while improving overall student performance; 3) To ensure that all students graduate college and career ready and prepared for a lifetime of learning; and 4) That the community as a whole prepares students to succeed. The work of E3 Alliance and our partners around the Blueprint serves all 313,000 students in the Central Texas PK-12 system and 149,000 students in public and private institutions of higher education, with a focus on low income students, at-risk students, and students who are first generation college-goers in their families.

In the last 7 years, E3 Alliance has produced ground-breaking research and analysis about education outcomes and trends, engaged the community in unprecedented ways, and created aligned pathways to help thousands of students reach higher educational goals. E3 Alliance has been recognized across the country for its data-driven collaborative model in building systematic change to drive both student success and economic prosperity.

A few of E3's successes include:

- Created the first student-centered, multi-dimensional standard for Kindergarten Readiness in Texas, now used in 15 districts and set to expand rapidly in the next few years
- Spearheaded a demonstration initiative in six school districts to fundamentally transform middle school teaching and learning for ~13,000 students, with plans to replicate and scale beyond Central Texas
- Launched and facilitated the Austin College Access Network, which has provided college access and support services to an additional 4,000 students in the last 3 years, and developed improved services to immigrant and place-bound students
- Launched the Central Texas Council on Educator Preparation, a first-of-its kind collaboration of districts and educator preparation programs to improve the quality of teacher education
- Increased the Central Texas STEM Pipeline of students taking rigorous engineering, and technology courses by 430% - growth that is unprecedented in the nation.

The E3 Alliance model for change is unique in that it is data driven, regional, spanning the continuum from cradle to career, and capitalizes on effective public-private partnerships. The innovative approach, combined with proven results, has set the stage for E3's expansion and replication. Over two dozen regions around the country have reached out to E3 to help replicate the model and structure of Collective Impact in their communities.

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