

Welcome.

LONESTAR**P3**
CONNECT
VIRTUAL

September 18, 2025
2:00 – 3:00 PM



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AGENDA



CELEBRATE: LONESTARP3 Major Milestones



ENGAGE: Events and Communities

- LinkedIn
- CONNECT Virtual
- LONESTARP3 LIVE!



GROW: Moving Beyond Pathways



DISCUSS: Explore and Inform Our Work

- Pathways Research Collaboratives
- Data Council
- LONESTARP3 101



CLOSE: Wrap-up and Coming Soon



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CELEBRATE

RP3 Major Milestones



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MAJOR MILESTONES

Great Strides

Q1 2024: The Beginning

First gathering of educators, researchers, and policy advocates; Forged shared connection and purpose.

Q2 2024: Shared Agenda

Members united around Pathways Research Agenda—advising, dual credit, workforce-aligned instruction, postsecondary pursuit.

Q3 2024: Summit

175 attendees; strong statewide consensus and visibility.

Q1 2025: Form Collaboratives

Leads for Research Collaboratives selected and plans for research designs began.

Q2 2025: Kick Off Statewide Data Council

24-member council launched to improve Texas' education data systems.

Q3 2024: Launch Collaboratives

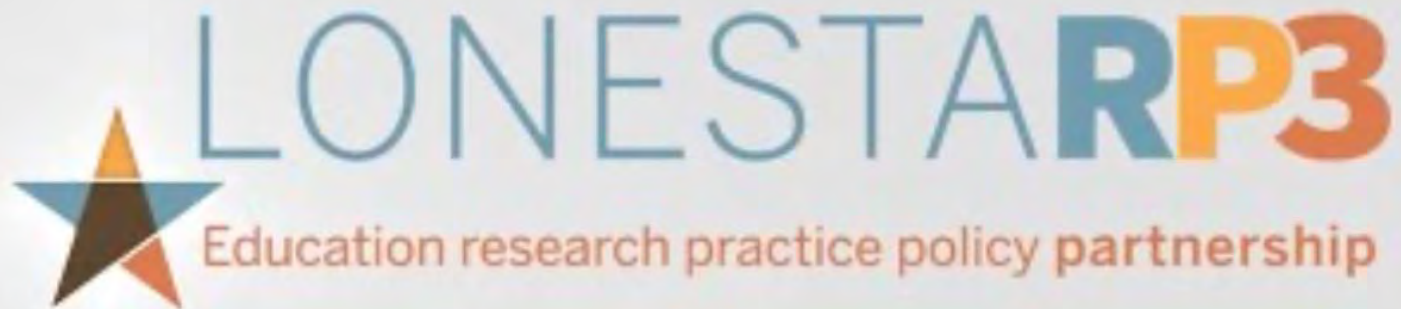
Research designs, timelines, and budgets submitted.
\$1M allocated!

Q2 2025: Build Community

Virtual Sessions and Livestream interviews expanded our audience and grew our impact.

\$5.5M in philanthropic support secured!

Voices of LONESTARP3



Steering Committee as Guiding Force



Erin Baumgartner
Director, Houston Education Research Consortium Rice University



Jacob Kirksey
Assistant Professor Texas Tech University



Charles Martinez
Dean, College of Education UT Austin



Reo Pruiett
Chief Programs and Engagement Officer, Educate Texas



Sharon Nichols
Director, Urban Education Institute, UT San Antonio



Richard Tagle
President E3 Alliance



Clif Tanabe
Dean, College of Education UT El Paso



Alma Rodriguez
Dean, College of Education UT Rio Grande Valley



Bridget Worley
Chief State Impact Officer, Council Partnership

ENGAGE

Virtual Events and Online Communities



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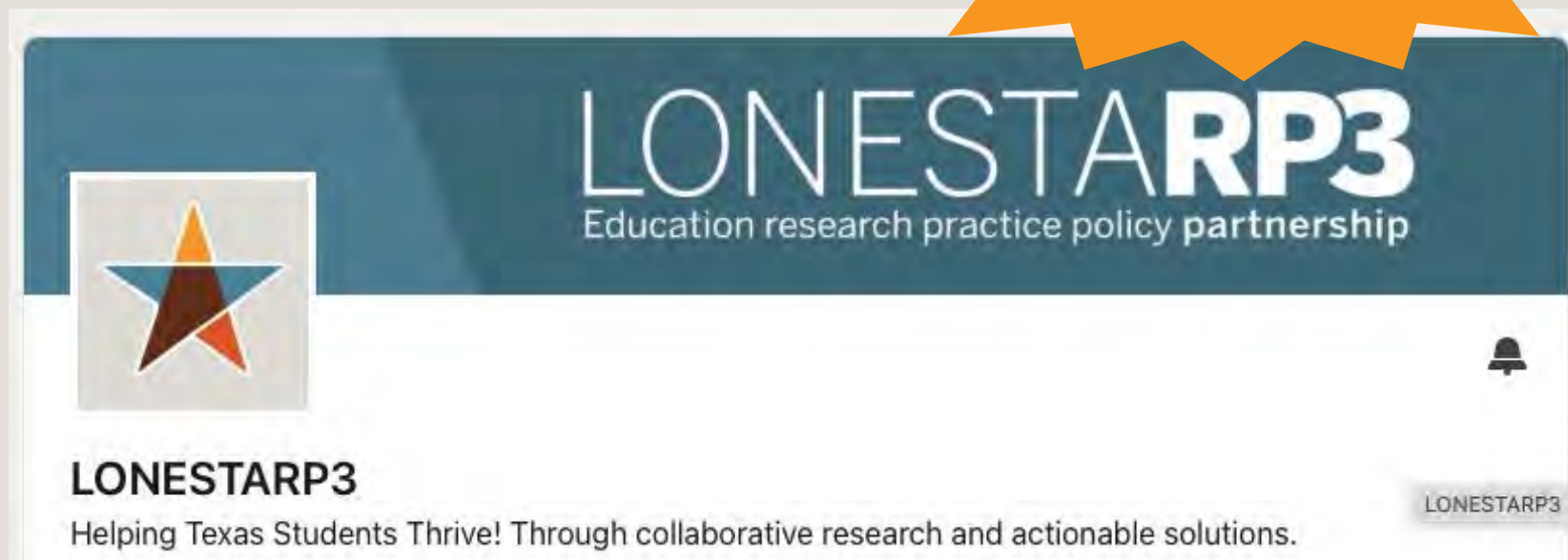
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An online community to connect with one another, amplify our work, expand our reach, and share ideas.

120 followers today!

Help us get to 150!

- Find us
- Follow us
- Tag us
- Repost us



...and we'll do the same for you and your institution!

Find us at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/lonestarp3/>





Fall CONNECT Virtual Sessions SESSION PREVIEW

Sep 18 | LONESTAR P3 Annual Update and Member Feedback

Highlight accomplishments, promote updates activities, invite discussion and feedback

Oct 16 | LONESTAR P3 Research Collaboratives

Learn more about the progress and insights emerging from the Research Collaboratives

Nov 13 | Trends in Texas Education Philanthropy

Hear about the priorities of Texas education philanthropy and the policy and practices issues that drive them

| Short Term Credentials and the Texas Labor Market

Learn about research from the Dallas Fed on the value of short-term credentials from the employers' perspective.

Dec 4 | LONESTAR P3 Data Council

Get an update on the products emerging from the Data Council and how they might benefit you

REGISTER NOW!

<https://lonestarp3.org/events/#virtual>

Want to present at the LONESTAR P3 Connect Virtual Session? Submit a request form!

<https://bit.ly/4k1DqUI>



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Spring CONNECT Virtual Sessions SESSION PREVIEW



Jan 22 | LONESTAR P3 Policy Perspectives

Hear insights that emerged from the 89th legislative session and implications for research needs in the 90th session

Mar 26 | LONESTAR P3 Data Council

Get an update on the products emerging from the Data Council and how they might benefit you

Apr 16 | Moving Beyond Pathways

Learn about the Research Frameworks under development to help drive future LONESTAR P3 partnership research efforts

May 21 | LONESTAR P3 Pathways Research Collaboratives

Learn more about the progress and insights emerging from the Research Collaboratives



OUR FORUM WITH STATE AND NATIONAL LEADERS

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LIVE!

OCT 2 LONESTAR**RP3** LIVE!

Growing Education to Workforce Pathways in Texas



Peter Beard
Vice President
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Foundation

October 2, 2025

Join us for a conversation about challenges and opportunities in the Texas labor market. Hear how education-to-workforce pathways powered by employers are helping ensure Texans can access good jobs.

Register Now!

<https://lonestarp3.org/upcoming-events/growing-education-to-workforce-pathways-in-texas/>



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FEB 12 LONESTAR^{RP3} LIVE!

Understanding Assets and Challenges of Rural Communities

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Dreema Gentry
CEO and President
Partners for Rural Impact



Sylvia Leal
Senior Program Officer
TLL Temple Foundation

February 12, 2026

Join us for a conversation about the
promise and peril of building the
capacity of rural communities to
support student success.



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MAY 8 LONESTAR^{RP3} LIVE!

Exploring How HB8 Is Reshaping the Future of Texas Higher Education

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Ben Mackey
Executive Director
Texas Impact Network



Ray Martinez
President & CEO
Texas Association of
Community Colleges

May 8, 2026

Join us to deepen your understanding
of HB8 and the challenges and
opportunities
it presents for community colleges
and school districts.



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Moving Beyond Pathways



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Beyond Pathways



LAUNCH

2023-2025

Built relationships, prototyped collaborative processes, and used Pathways focus to establish **LONESTAR^{RP3}** and its partnership research approach



MATURATION

2025-2027

Engage Core Members and their constituency to generate research frameworks in new topics to inform direction and future collaborative efforts across the Network



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Research Framework Collaborative Process



IDENTIFY SHARED PRIORITIES

Triangulate inputs from Core Members, advocacy groups, and resource availability to select **up to 3 topics**



CALL FOR STRATEGY TEAMS

Develop call for Strategy Teams (10-12 members) to generate an initial research framework on priority topics identified



RECRUIT STRATEGY TEAM MEMBERS

Collect applications from faculty, staff, and partners from across the RP3 Network, and experts from across the state



SELECT STRATEGY TEAM MEMBERS

Review applicants and form up to 3 Strategy Teams (one team per topic) with relevant expertise and representation



GENERATE RESEARCH FRAMEWORKS

Generate Research Frameworks to inform future RP3 collaborative research pursuits

Summer

Fall

Spring

Application of Research Frameworks

- Surface priority areas of work across RP3 Members to facilitate knowledge sharing and internal collaboration
- Identify light-touch, low-cost efforts to produce products that represent findings and recommendations from across Members on select topics
- Establish a set of frameworks that will create strong positioning for allocating internal resources or pursuing external funding to support collaborative research



Status Update

TOPICS

TEXAS TEACHER WORKFORCE

Recruitment, preparation, certification, placement, and retention

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Access, quality, funding, and workforce programs serving children from birth through age five

PUBLIC EDUCATION FINANCE SYSTEMS

Policies, formulas, and funding mechanisms that determine how public education is financed

TEAMS

STRATEGY TEAM SELECTION

Review and selection is underway!
Notifications to be issued by the week of Sep 22

TIMELINES

ONE DAY WORKING SESSIONS

Nov 12	Teacher Workforce
Jan 29	Public Education Finance
Mar 5	Early Childhood Education

Learn more at our
April CONNECT Virtual Session!
Registration will open in Winter.



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DISCUSS

Breakout Sessions



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CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

PATHWAYS RESEARCH COLLABORATIVES

with Ginger Gossman, LONESTAR^{RP3}

Interested in research on education to postsecondary pathways? Come hear about how our Collaboratives are advancing our research agenda and discuss how we capture and communicate findings to drive decision making and action.

LONESTAR^{RP3} DATA COUNCIL

with Sam Boiser, Educate Texas; Jen Freeman, Texas Tech University

Interested in using data from the P20W data system for research? Learn how our Data Council is creating tools and resources to make data access and use easier and inform the creation of future tools and how to get to those who need them.

LONESTAR^{RP3} 101

with Carolyn Landel, LONESTAR^{RP3}

Interested some background and basics on this statewide network we call LONESTAR^{RP3}? Come hear more about how the network formed, what it aspires to achieve, and how YOU can be a part. Bring your questions – you drive the session!



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Pathways Research Collaboratives



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Design

Small research teams, lead by at least two RP3 Members

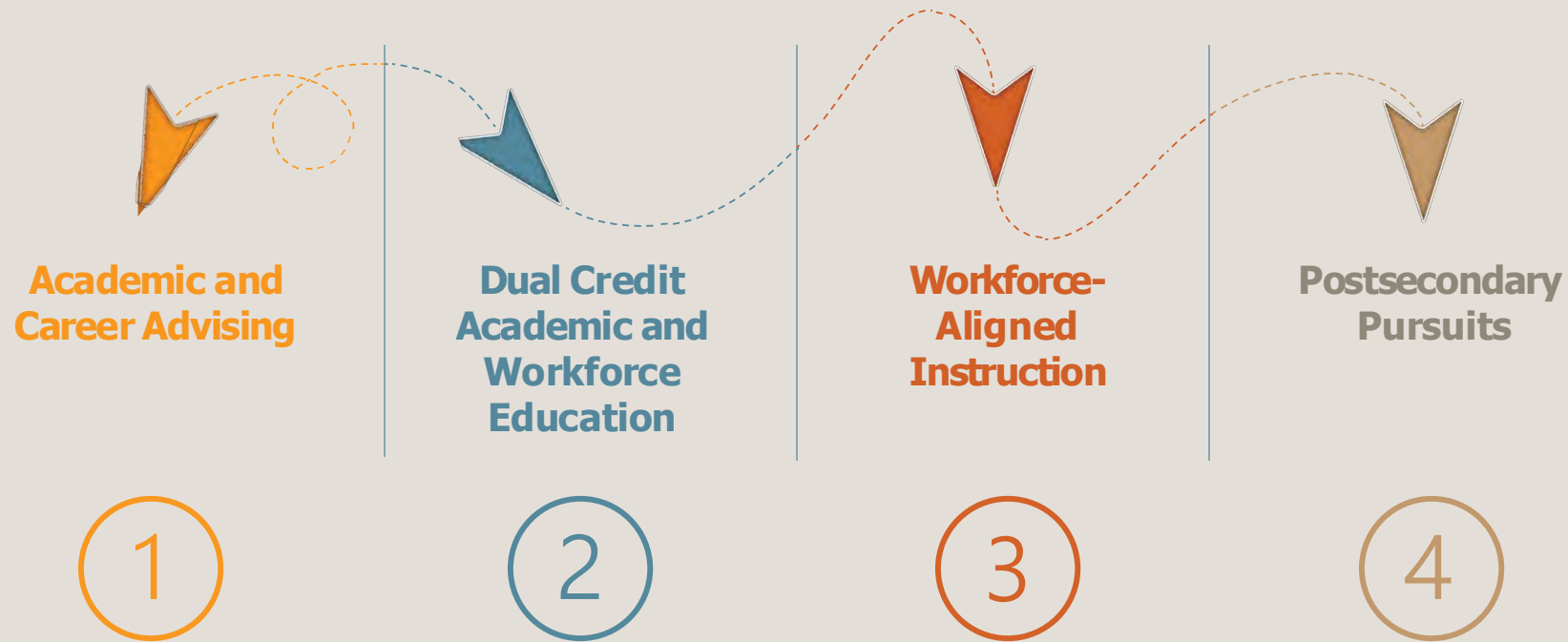
Intention

To collectively investigate the research questions from our shared Pathways Research Agenda

Prerequisites

- Their local **communities have expressed interest** in the problem of practice being investigated
- They have access to a **population with representative demographics** to surface findings with implications beyond a single site
- **They include expertise on the topic** and necessary **research methods**
- They have capacity to **complete agile investigations** that surface meaningful insights within 12-18 months.

Four Pathways Research Collaboratives



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Pathways Research Collaboratives Partners



31

Researchers



Including

10

student
researchers



6

Universities



Rice University
Texas Tech University
The University of Texas at Austin
The University of Texas at El Paso
The University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley
The University of Texas at San Antonio



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Non-profit
organizations



Commit Partnership
E3 Alliance
Ray Marshall Center
Texas College Access Network
UP Partnership



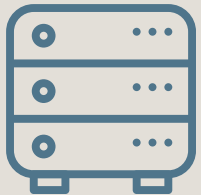
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Research Activities



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ERC users



Accessing **1.5+B**
education / wage
records



300

Survey
respondents

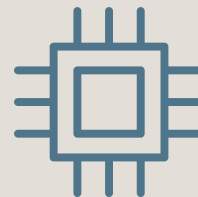


Unique Activity:
Web data
extraction



40

Focus group
participants



Unique Activity:
Machine learning
model



75

Interview
participants



Statewide
analyses +
focused areas

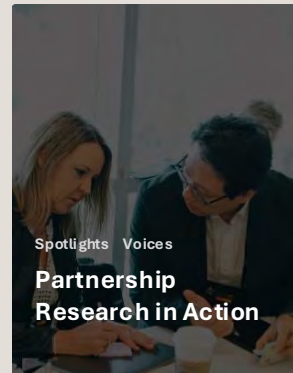
Pathways Research Collaborative Asset Timeline



Sep 2024



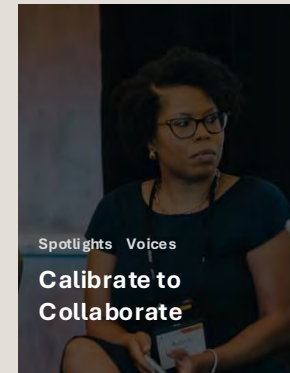
May 2025



Jun 2025



Aug 2025

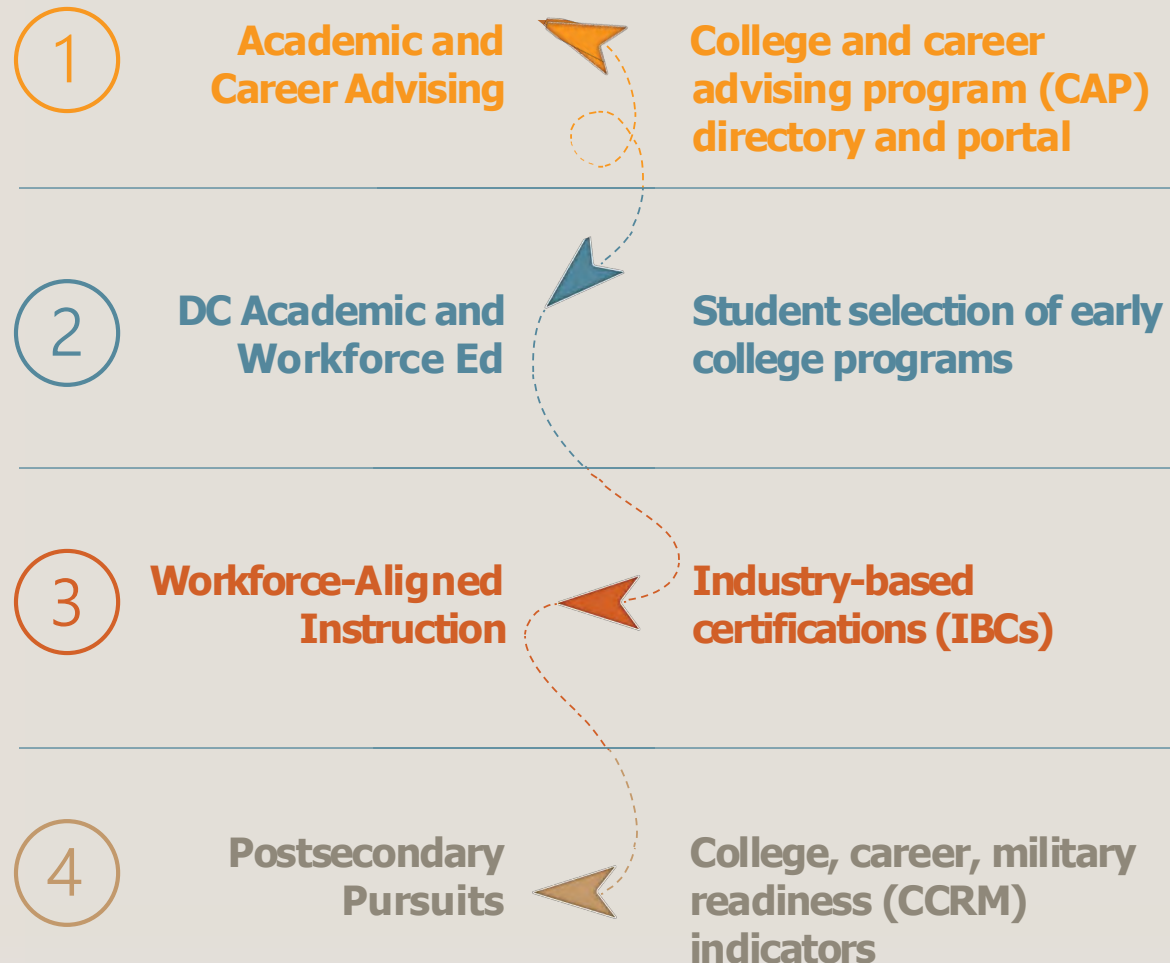


Sep 2025



Oct 2025

Research Collaboratives in Focus



Discussion Questions

Which of the **topics are of greatest interest** to your community?

What is the **best way to share findings** with your leadership and constituency to raise awareness and inspire action?

What **action is your constituency poised to make** if they had access to insights on these topics?



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Data Council



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LONESTAR^{RP}3 Data Council

Mission

Increase visibility and use of Texas P20W data system, resources, and published research. Provide insights and recommendations to inform improvements to Texas data systems and tools to enhance their impact on education practice and policy.

Purpose

Address educational challenges through data-driven insights, and create shared, actionable knowledge to benefit Texas students, educators, and policymakers.



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Data Council Goals

Highlight Bright Spots and Challenges: Showcase effective practices and address data limitations, particularly in the Texas P20W data system.

Empower Stakeholders: Use statewide data systems to inform decisions and inspire action in both practice and policy.

Foster Collaboration: Create a community of practice that generates and shared tools, resources and findings to aid and accelerate data-driven solutions.

Annual Report: Publish a “State of the State” report to spotlight trends and resources generated by Texas statewide data systems.



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DATA COUNCIL EARLY ACTIVITIES

January 2025: Launch & Visioning

Convened the first Data Council meeting

Clarified mission: Make Texas education and workforce data more usable, policy aligned, and accessible

February 2025: Establishing Priorities

Aligned on shared goals and synthesized member input to set two core priorities:

Alignment with Policy Frameworks

Data Accessibility

May 2025: Identifying First Focus Area for Prototypes

Selected first **high-priority, actionable** workstream

Chose to focus on **College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR)** tools

Summer 2025: Working Groups Formed

Created two working groups

Tackling fragmentation across K–12, higher ed, and labor market data systems

August 2025: First Product Drafts & Feedback

Shared draft IBC–CTE–CIP–SOC crosswalk and CCMR landscape with council

Collected feedback on **usability, audiences, and next steps**

Emerging Product: Texas Regional Pathways Crosswalk

The Challenge: Data systems are siloed across state education and workforce agencies and there is **no comprehensive linkage framework**.

What it is: A **publicly available crosswalk** connecting IBCs, CTE programs of study, college fields of study, occupations, and regional wage and demand data.

What it enables: Helps **researchers and policymakers** evaluate and improve the alignment of student pathways across systems, enables **districts** to design programs that align with regional labor market demand and postsecondary credentials, and supports **advisors and families** in making informed choices about programs and careers.



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Emerging Product: CCMR Platform Landscape & Roadmap

The Challenge: Districts face a fragmented landscape of CCMR readiness tools. These tools use inconsistent indicators, measures, and data definitions. This makes it **difficult to track student readiness** accurately and consistently.

What it is: A landscape **scan of existing CCMR tools**, summarizing their features, strengths, and weaknesses, and outlining a roadmap for developing a shared, open-source platform to address gaps.

What it enables: Helps **districts and regional service centers** compare and evaluate existing tools, identify gaps and pain points, and plan toward a coordinated CCMR tracking system that supports consistent and accurate decision-making.



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What's Next for Data Council

Build on our momentum by:

- Refine initial products and plan for dissemination
- Explore formats for making products more accessible
- Identify additional high-priority topics for future products
- Expand outreach to new audiences (district leaders, agency staff, workforce partners)

Goal: Grow the Data Council into a hub for insights, tools, research, and collaboration that strengthen the use and impact of the Texas P20W data system.



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Your Input on the Path Ahead

Using P20W Data Systems

- How has the Texas P20W data system supported your work?
- What barriers limit your ability to access or use it?

Designing Future Products

- What kinds of tools, resources, or analyses would be most useful?
- Where should products live to be widely accessible (dashboards, briefs, toolkits, etc.)?

Growing Our Reach

- Who in your networks should know about the Data Council and its products?
- How can we best get the word out and make products visible?

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Rumors and Requests!

What have you heard about **LONESTAR^{RP3}** that sparked your interest or your attendance?

What questions do you have about **LONESTAR^{RP3}** to better understand who we are and what we do?



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LONESTAR^{RP}3 Overview

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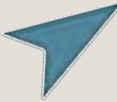


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LONESTAR^{RP}3 Approach



Create Shared Understanding and Goals

Bring multiple perspectives together and look for areas of agreement to tackle shared challenges.



Investigate Common Challenges

Conduct applied and responsive research on shared problems of practice and policy with direct community engagement from design through implementation.



Deploy accessible and actionable solutions

Translate research into actionable tools, products and experiences that benefit students. Put findings into the right hands at the right time.

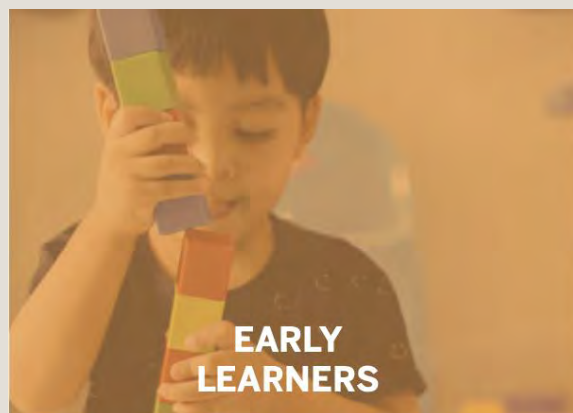


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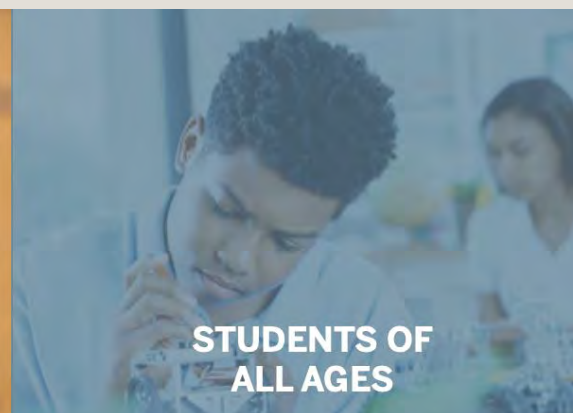
LONESTAR^{RP}3 Focus Areas

Our investigations aim to generate insights to improve the lives of students, families, and communities across Texas.



EARLY LEARNERS

Physically, emotionally, and socially healthy children



STUDENTS OF ALL AGES

Engaged, supported and motivated students



EDUCATORS AND ADMINISTRATORS

Well-prepared, high-quality and responsive educators



FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

Connected, informed and supported families

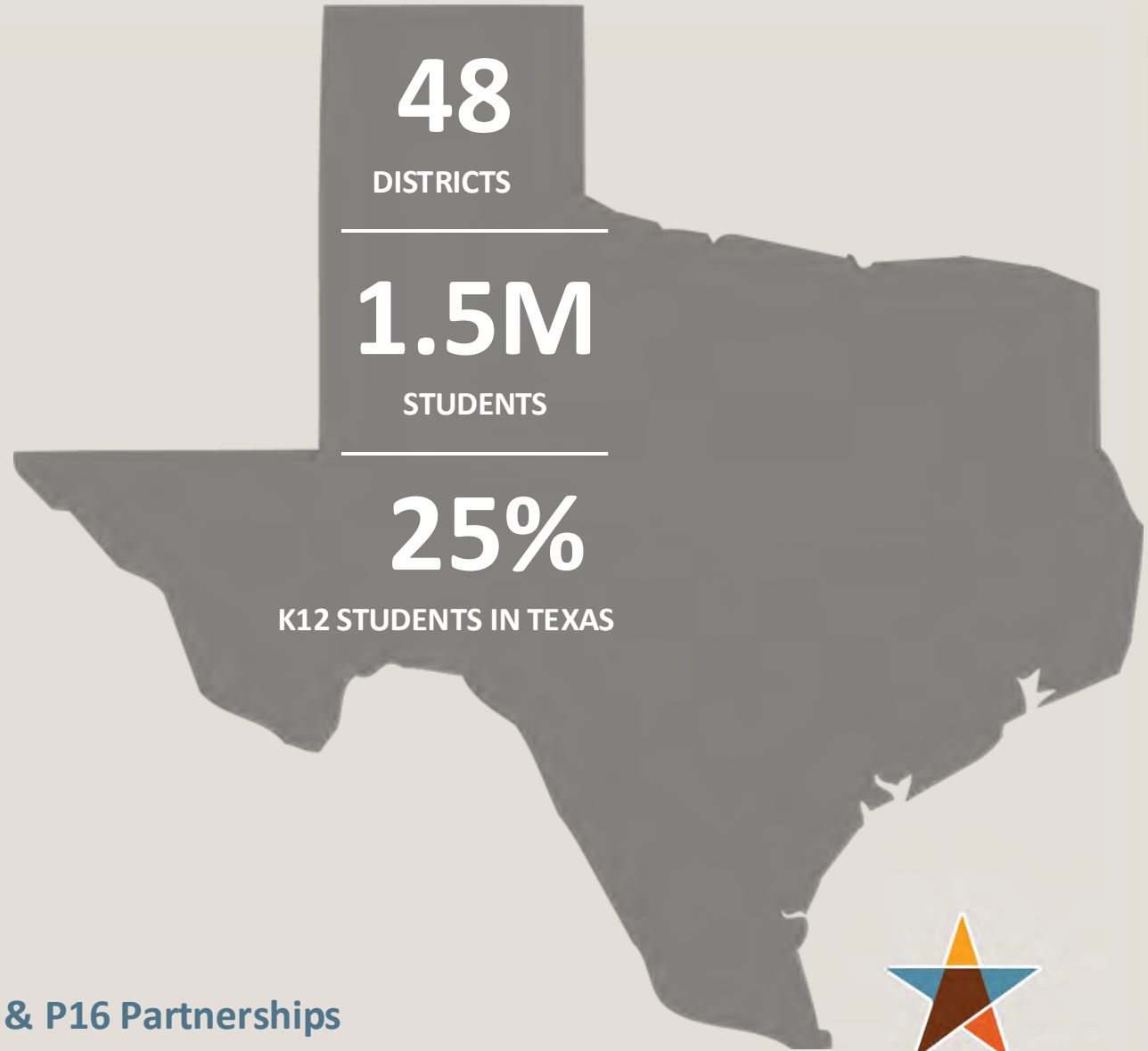


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Founding Members

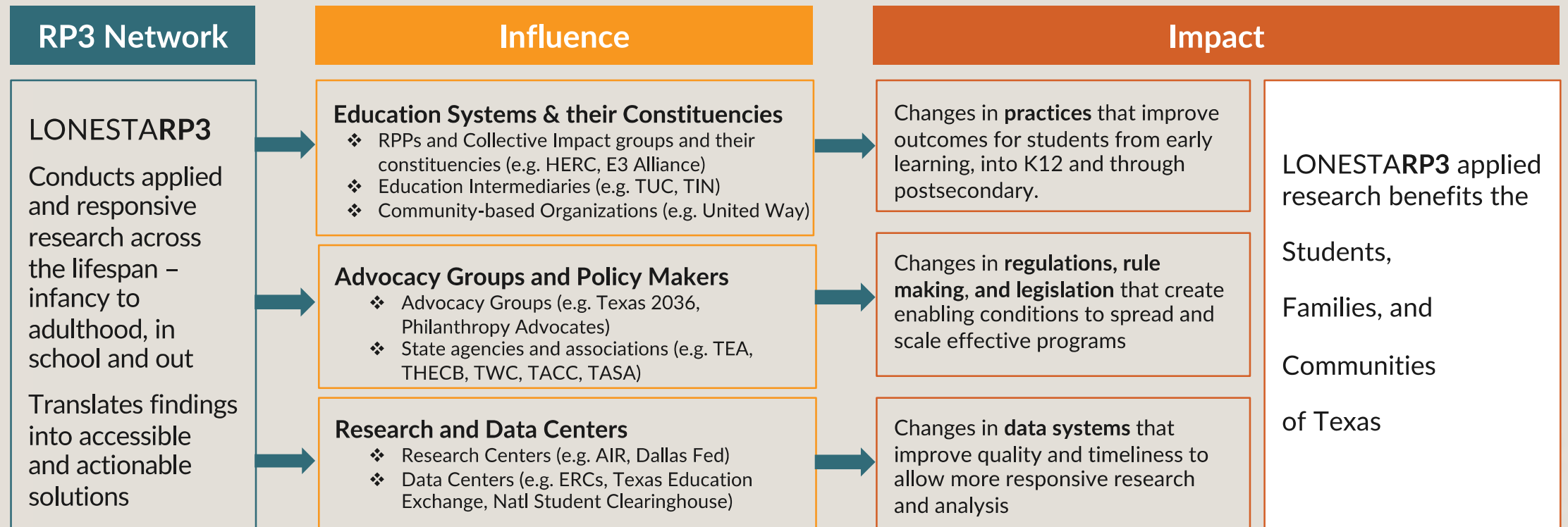
- ★ Commit Partnership
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- ★ Houston Education Research Consortium
- ★ Philanthropy Advocates
- ★ Texas 2036
- ★ Texas Tech University, CIRCLE
- ★ UT Austin, College of Education
- ★ UT El Paso, Paso del Norte
- ★ UT Rio Grande Valley College of Education & P16 Partnerships
- ★ UT San Antonio, Urban Education Institute



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LONESTARP3 Influence and Impact Model

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Discussion

What more do you want to know about LONESTAR**RP3**?

How might you and your constituency inform the work for LONESTAR**RP3**?

How might the work of LONESTAR**RP3** be of use to you and your constituency?

How would you like to plug in to LONESTAR**RP3** events and activities?



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Coming Soon and Wrap up



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HAVE A GREAT FALL

from all of us at LONESTAR^{RP3}



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