State of California
C2C
Cradle-to-Career System

CALIFORNIA'S CRADLE-TO-CAREER DATA SYSTEM

California's Cradle-to-Career Data System (C2C) was named in state legislation to be California's source of actionable data and research on education, economic, and health outcomes for individuals, families, and communities. C2C is envisioned to be the most inclusive data system of its kind in the nation.

Mission

A statewide data system that will provide tools to help students reach their goals and deliver information on education and workforce outcomes.

Vision

The Cradle-to-Career System connects individuals and organizations with trusted information and resources, providing insights into critical milestones in the pipeline from early care to K–12 to higher education, skills training, and employment. The data system empowers individuals to reach their full potential and fosters evidence-based decision-making to help California build a more equitable future.

What problems will C2C solve?

1. **Data are siloed** in different state-level entities, making it hard for decision makers to answer important questions, such as:
   - Where do students in my home district go after high school?
   - How do these outcomes vary across different student groups?
   - Are we preparing students for quality jobs?

2. **Students face confusing barriers** in applying for college and financial aid, needing to navigate multiple platforms to complete applications and share information from their transcripts. These barriers can exacerbate existing disparities.

3. **Communities lack equitable access** to usable information and data to address their priorities.

How will C2C's planned work solve these problems?

1. **Build a linked analytical dataset** that connects existing state-level data on education and job outcomes that will let decisionmakers answer important questions through:
   - Dashboards on priority topics
   - Query builders that break down the data by region, school district, or student demographics
   - Data request process for researchers to conduct studies

2. **Coordinate with partners to scale practical tools** for students
   - CaliforniaColleges.edu – Intended to be the state's one-stop shop for applying to public colleges and universities and for financial aid, and for college and career planning.
   - eTranscript California – Intended to be a seamless platform for transferring transcripts across post-secondary institutions

3. **Engage with communities**, listening to their needs via:
   - User-centered design, to create useful, accessible dashboards and practical tools
   - Community engagement and input
   - Practical trainings for using the dashboards and tools
   - Governance structure reflective of these priorities

About Cradle-to-Career Sytem's Governance Structure

C2C's Governing Board consists of 21 members, including:

- Two California State Assembly and two California State Senate appointees
- Four California Governor's Office appointees
- Data providers

C2C maintains two 16-member Advisory Boards focused on Community Engagement and Data & Tools.