

A Bold COMMUNITY Goal

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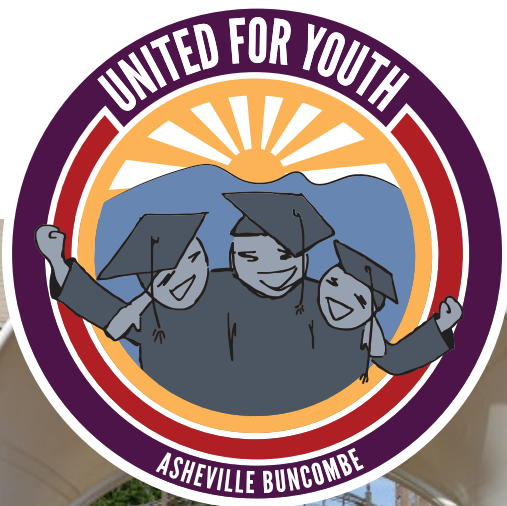
ALL Asheville City and

Buncombe County

STUDENTS graduate from
high school

ready and fully prepared

to pursue their goals and dreams.



COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP FOR OUR YOUTH



What if our community could **come together and build a shared understanding of the issues that youth are facing** and design a vision for change?



What if we could **agree on a set of indicators that would help us track progress and continuously improve our efforts?**



And what would happen if **each partner contributed by focusing on their unique strengths** while ensuring their work aligns with the overall strategy?



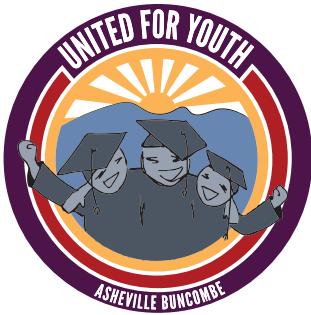
It would require **regular communication among partners** to ensure that everyone is working towards the same goal and that we remain on track.



And there was **an organization willing and able to serve as a backbone; providing the infrastructure and support** required for effective collaboration among the partners.



The good news - it's already underway!



United for Youth is a community wide partnership committed to ensuring that ALL children and youth learn, grow, and thrive in a vibrant, healthy, and connected community.

At the heart of our commitment is the belief that we ALL have to work together to eliminate barriers to opportunity and co-create solutions that support student success.

Each partner organization has their own mission. But each of them has said that they want to take this work on. And so they each set their own measurable commitments toward achieving the bold community goal.

Who Is Involved?

An effort this big, can not be accomplished by any one organization alone. **That's why Asheville City Schools, Buncombe County Schools, and a host of large institutions and grassroots organizations have helped to build United for Youth.**

Partnership agreements continue to come in and you can find the current partners and their commitments to this work here: unitedwayabc.org/u4y



Centering Youth Voice



Connecting Community Partners



Engaging Families

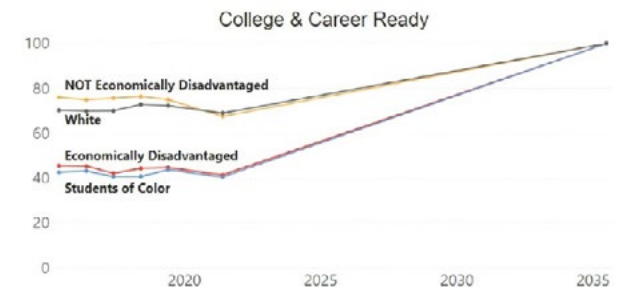


The Time Is Now

Whether you are a parent, a teacher, a neighbor, or a business owner, we are all impacted when our youth face barriers that hold them back from graduation and from fulfilling their goals and dreams.

Between the mental and emotional impacts of the pandemic, racial inequity, economic turmoil, and community violence, our youth need us to unite in ways we haven't done before.

This chart of local student data clearly shows how existing gaps are growing and ALL youth have lost ground. **We have a long way to go to reach our bold community goal by 2035, and you are needed to help us get there.**



What is United Way's Role?

United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County has two roles:

- providing infrastructure and support to this growing network of partners. This means aligning partner efforts, keeping the lines of communication going, expanding resources and learning opportunities for partners, and measuring our collective progress.
- making progress on UWABC's commitments toward achieving the Bold Community Goal including support for Community Schools.

Learn More

If you want a taste of what we're about, look no further than this video about the first United for Youth Block Party.

It was our first public event to mark our commitment to the youth and families in our community and more than 1,000 people gathered at Pack Square Park that day.



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Check out this video from the spring convening of United for Youth that centers youth and partner perspectives.



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Join Us!

- Be a part of the conversation and get updates about United for Youth monthly check in meetings facebook.com/groups/unitedforyouth
- Sign up for volunteer opportunities that support youth handsonasheville.org/unitedforyouth
- Check out United for Youth partner events unitedwayabc.org/U4Yevents
- Review and submit the Partnership Agreement on behalf of your organization unitedwayabc.org/u4y