Better Together has organized into four regional, cross-sector, collaborative workgroups along the cradle to career continuum. These workgroups aim to increase student success by aligning and leveraging existing resources and through specific innovative, data-driven initiatives.

Collaborative Workgroups

- Early Learning & Wellness
  - Kinder
  - 1st
  - 2nd
  - 3rd
  - 4th
  - 5th
  - 6th
  - 7th
  - 8th
  - 9th
  - 10th
  - 11th
  - 12th
  - Pre-K
  - Elementary School

- Supporting Families
  - Middle School
  - High School

- Bridges
  - 8th
  - 9th
  - 10th
  - 11th
  - 12th
  - 1st year
  - 2nd year
  - 3rd year
  - 4th year +

- Education/Training to Career
  - College/Training/Career

**Emerging Strategies & Initiatives**

- Pre-K to 3rd Education System
  - Connecting and integrating 0-5 early learning programs and K-12 education to build a seamless educational continuum

- Ready for Kindergarten
  - All children arrive prepared socially, emotionally and academically

- Developmental Screenings
  - provided for all young children

- College/Training Savings Accounts
  - Ensuring every child in Central Oregon has a college/training savings account by 3rd grade

- 8+9 Project
  - Youth serving organizations and schools providing programming the summer before and after 8th grade with a link to an adult mentor at the start of 9th grade

- Cascades Commitment
  - A clear path for all high school students in Central Oregon to earn up to 18 credits that meet requirements for an Associates or Bachelors Degree after high school

- Youth CareerConnect
  - Providing engaging and meaningful school to work experiences for every student in Central Oregon

- Career and Technical Education (CTE)
  - Expanding and strengthening CTE programs throughout Central Oregon’s schools and higher education institutions

**Partners:** Education (K-12 school districts, High Desert ESD, COCC, OSU-Cascades & Open Campus) • Business /Service Clubs • Early Learning Professionals • Government Agencies • Nonprofits & Foundations