

# 2024-2025 Impact Report



41%

49%

Summit  
Education  
Initiative 

36%

# IMPACT AND SUCCESSES

# 2024-25

**OUR  
COMMUNITY,  
OUR  
PARTNERS**

## THE DATA

### DATA REPORTING PARTNERSHIPS

with **88** childcare centers and preschools using SEI's Transition Skills Summary (TSS)

### 16 DATA DASHBOARDS CREATED AND MAINTAINED

including new income sufficiency metrics

### 7 NEW RESEARCH BRIEFS CREATED

to communicate research and data findings from our data analytics and evaluation projects

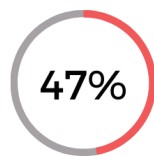
Developed evidence-based data collection efforts across various methodologies for

**3 PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS,** measuring a broad range of needs

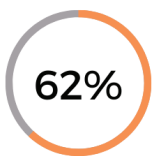
**65,000+**  
YOUTH AND FAMILIES SERVED  
IN SUMMIT COUNTY

**17**  
ANNUAL DATA SHARING  
AGREEMENTS WITH PUBLIC  
SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**60+**  
RESEARCH AND  
EVALUATION  
PARTNERSHIPS  
with local agencies, community  
service organizations and  
grassroots program providers



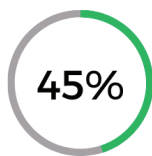
Kindergarten  
Readiness\*



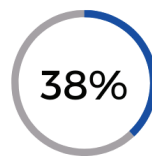
3rd Grade  
Reading\*



8th Grade  
Math\*



9th Grade  
Success



College & Career  
Readiness



Post Secondary  
Enrollment\*\*

year to year trend	-1%	-5%	no change	+2%	-1%	no change
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\*16/17 districts represented \*\*data from most recent available year: 2023

2018

2019

2020

# OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME (OST)

Continuous improvement and ongoing maintenance of the Out-of-School Time (OST) portal and restructuring to foster alignment with new Youth Success Summit (YSS) goals and objectives

Portal served **14,000+** students and **30+** organizations during 2024-25 school year.

Created new program dashboards to further support participating organizations

Developed new online application with Project Rise and APS to assist in servicing homeless youth that facilitated 5000+ connections and referrals for students and families in need

## THE NETWORKS

### COLLABORATIVE ACTION HIGHLIGHTS

**140+**

**NETWORK MEMBERS**

**80+**

**AGENCIES REPRESENTED**

**40+**

**NETWORK MEETINGS**

**130+**

**HOURS OF FACILITATION**

**500+**

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS EMPOWERED THROUGH WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS**

**Steering Committee** united 31 members from 24 agencies to co-create SEI's strategic plan, refined our economic mobility definition, validated the Portrait of a Kindergartner and built the research backbone for the Path to 30K campaign positioning SEI to launch a collective movement toward 30,000 youth on a path to success.

**Kindergarten Readiness Networks** launched phase one of the collaborative improvement process, setting clear goals and training all members in data driven improvement.

**AND** set and pursued a SMARTIE goal to increase the number of Black boys on track by 3%, anchoring equity at the heart of language and literacy work.

**AND** Enhanced TSS implementation by co-designing a "Using Your Data" training, administering assessments earlier and refining protocols based on our director survey feedback.

**AND** Distributed "16 for Success" skill cards at five community sites including Akron Zoo, Head Start, APS Kindergarten orientation, library family events and Project GRAD reaching hundreds of students and caregivers.

**Summit County Youth Coalition** piloted Students for Equity and Excellence (SEE) Akron and directly advocated first with Congresswoman Emilia Sykes, then the Akron Board of Education, to elevate peer led policy recommendations.

**AND** designed and deployed a student-led behavior and discipline survey, generating district-wide insights on school climate and driving targeted equity interventions.

**Third Grade Reading Network** visited Steubenville City Schools and engaged with Success for All, bringing proven literacy strategies back to Summit County.

Mobilized the **Summit County Parent Coalition**, launching three subcommittees, creating a rack card and representation matrix and contributing parent voice to the Portrait of a Ready Kindergartener project.

Collaborative Action Networks shifted to SEI's new **Empower to Lead Facilitation Framework**, held kick-off meetings with high-impact partners and established a rollout plan to onboard remaining partners.

14 early childhood educators completed the **CLASS Act Scholars program**, a rigorous, research-based training in the Classroom Assessment Scoring System®, equipping them with advanced strategies to strengthen teacher-child interactions and elevate overall classroom quality across Summit County.

2021

2022

2023

# LOOKING FORWARD 2025-26



## PEER LEARNING NETWORKS (PLNs)

Real systems change happens when community partners learn from one another, align strategies and co-create solutions. **Our Peer Learning Networks (PLNs)** are structured spaces where educators, nonprofit leaders, families and other stakeholders build shared knowledge and take collective action to improve outcomes for Summit County youth. PLNs are organized around key transition points in a student's cradle-to-career journey.



## PK-8 COLLABORATIVE

This countywide initiative unites agencies in the early childhood ecosystem to fuel early learning and ensure every child is prepared to thrive from preK through third grade.

## POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT NETWORK

This collaborative focuses on increasing the number of students enrolling in and completing post-secondary pathways (college, technical school or industry-recognized credential programs). Partners coordinate outreach, data sharing and support strategies to remove barriers to enrollment and persistence.



## PARENT COALITION

This countywide network of parents and caregivers works with our team to shape systems, policies and practices that directly impact families. The coalition elevates parent perspectives, builds leadership capacity and ensures family voices are central to community decision-making.

## CRADLE TO CAREER STEERING COMMITTEE

This cross-sector leadership body sets the vision, priorities and countywide goals for our work. The steering committee champions collaborative action, mobilizes resources and ensures accountability to cradle-to-career outcomes.

2018

2019

2020



# THE IMPORTANCE OF STUDENT VOICE

We believe youth voice is a catalyst for change. Students bring unique insights and leadership that transform schools and communities. Our student voice initiative is grounded in the belief that young people should be active participants in shaping education systems.

## SUMMIT COUNTY YOUTH COALITION (SCYC)

This cross-district, student-led collaborative drives systemic change through policy recommendations, events and data initiatives.

## STUDENTS FOR EQUITY AND EXCELLENCE (SEE) ORGANIZATIONS

These school-based clubs cultivate advocacy, equity and leadership, with representatives serving on SCYC.

## AKRON YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

This citywide network unites youth advisory boards to influence policy and lead community initiatives.

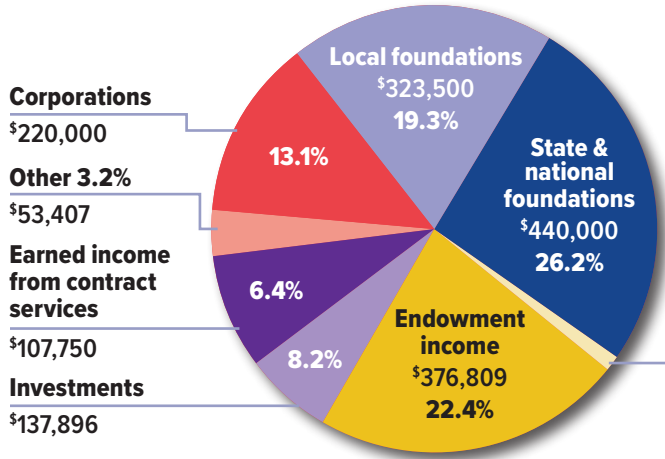
## STUDENT VOICE HIGH-IMPACT PARTNERS

These organizations embed civic engagement and student-led change into their programs with our training and support.

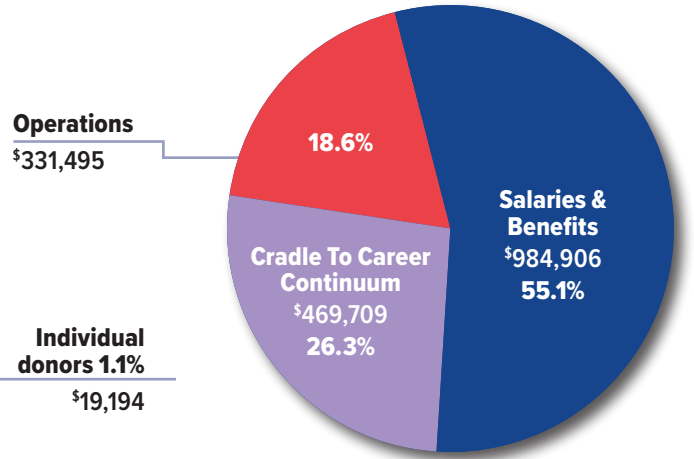


# SEI Financials Unaudited FY2025 (July 2024-June 2025)

**Endowment** (as of June 30, 2025): **\$8,019,954**



**Revenue: \$1,678,556**



**Expenses: \$1,786,110**

Note: Accounting standards require recognizing revenues in the fiscal year they are committed or received. Temporarily restricted contributions of \$536,610 were recognized in prior years and carried over to fund programs during 2024-25. Likewise, temporarily restricted contributions totaling \$641,1925 as of June 30, 2025 have been set aside to fund programs in 2025-26.

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