

Testimonials

Thank you for leading our pathway down a productive path to greater success!

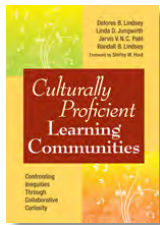
Linked Learning Pathway Coordinator

Perfect! An inspiring day—a total success! Positive, direct, respectful. We are moving forward with a clear and powerful mission and vision to guide our way!

Administrator, Linked Learning Pathway High School

You ensured our day was transparent, flexible, and that our voices were heard, honored, and acted upon.

Linked Learning Pathway Team



Dr. Linda Jungwirth, President of Convening Conversations, believes passionately that we *can* and *should* prepare all students for both college and career. She is co-author of the best seller *Culturally Proficient Learning Communities: Confronting Inequities Through Collaborative Curiosity*,

published by Corwin Press. Dr. Jungwirth is recognized nationally for supporting leadership teams, Linked Learning Pathways, and GEAR UP schools to understand and advance in:

- The Linked Learning and GEAR UP approaches to College and Career Readiness,
- Facilitation and Development of Collaborative Linked Learning and GEAR UP Leadership/Pathway Teams,
- Curriculum and Performance Mapping,
- Problem-based Learning,
- Habits of Mind,
- Work-based Learning,
- Cognitive CoachingSM, all through a lens of
- Cultural Competence and Cultural Proficiency to Support Equity and Inclusive Cultures of Excellence.

Dr. Jungwirth's experience as a GEAR UP and Linked Learning Coach, and as the Director for CASLE, the Center for the Advancement of Small Learning Environments, provides insight into multiple levels of transformation of GEAR UP and Linked Learning schools and districts implementing College and Career Readiness for all students.

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Mission

Our mission is to lead organizations and communities of practice in becoming inclusive and collaborative cultures of excellence through training, coaching, and monitoring of practice.



Philosophy

Professional services are anchored in:

- Customized and co-designed learning outcomes based on individual and organizational needs,
- Active learning,
- Capacity-building within organizations.

Our belief is that training supported by coaching and monitoring of impact provide for successful implementation of new learning and changes in professional practice. Professional services are based on Learning Forward's *Standards for Professional Learning*.

(www.learningforward.org)

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GEAR UP & Linked Learning

WHAT MAKES A COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS SYSTEM?

GEAR UP

Gaining **Early Awareness and Readiness** for Undergraduate Programs

LINKED LEARNING

An educational approach that transforms students' learning experience by bringing together strong academics, connections to technical education, and real world experience (The Linked Learning Alliance: Pathways to College and Career Success)

- Shared mission, vision, and outcomes for College and Career Readiness
- Cultures of trust, collaboration, and shared responsibility to support all students' success in being prepared for both college and career
- Community Coalitions with partnerships that includes: educators, students, parents, faith-based organizations, industry, businesses, post-secondary institutions, government agencies, community members, and students
- Industry-focused pathways in which student learning experiences connect rigorous academic learning to real-world applications
- Systems-wide support in which leadership, policy, professional learning, partnerships, and practice align beliefs, initiatives, resources, curriculum and performance assessments
- Monitoring for excellence and adapting to change



College and Career Readiness through

GEAR UP & Linked Learning

Prepare all students for college AND career.

Employ a systems-approach to transforming students' learning experience.

Build partnerships and community coalitions.

Engage students in rigorous, real-world, relevant learning.

Create shared responsibility for student learning.

Inspire ownership and commitment to the work.

Sustain the change through coaching for excellence and self-directedness.



The **Mandorla** symbolizes an exchange of diverse thinking, imaginative dialogue, and interdependence in order to realize common purpose and vision.

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Professional Services

COLLEGE CAREER READINESS THROUGH GEAR UP AND LINKED LEARNING

Engage leadership teams in leading organizations a mission and vision that prepares all students for college and career success.

CULTURALLY PROFICIENT LEADERSHIP

Develop highly effective leadership teams that strive for excellence, equity, and access for all students.

ADAPTIVE SCHOOLS: FACILITATING & DEVELOPING COLLABORATIVE GROUPS

Be adaptive in an environment of change through skillful, efficient, and effective teams.

GEAR UP/LINKED LEARNING

Create engaging, relevant learning environments through Linked Learning and GEAR UP pathways supported by partnerships and community coalitions.

PROBLEM-BASED LEARNING (PBL)

Use performance assessment mapping to drive multidisciplinary real-world problem-based learning.

WORK-BASED LEARNING

Create a K-12 scope and sequence for work-based learning experiences for all students.

COGNITIVE COACHINGSM FOUNDATIONS TRAINING

Support and sustain high-quality implementation, thinking, and self-directedness through coaching.

