

# THEORY OF CHANGE



## HOME REGION PROGRAM: ARKANSAS-MISSISSIPPI DELTA

### Education and Youth Engagement

Young people and families in the Delta deserve access to a high-quality education that will set them on a path to a lifetime of opportunity. With support from the local community, the Education and Youth Engagement initiative is designed to ensure all Delta students can choose the educational and career path that best serves their needs and interests. This also means greater investment in highly-trained, well-resourced teachers.

## WHAT WE PLAN TO DO



Improve teacher quality by investing in pathways to certification and professional development.



Give students experiential learning opportunities to help them understand, connect to and pursue postsecondary and career pathways.



Ensure students and families have high-quality academic choices through schools and supplemental after-school programs.

## HOW WE PLAN TO DO IT



- ▶ Promote high-quality pathways for teachers in the Delta to obtain certification.
- ▶ Identify pathways to recruit certified teachers to the Delta.
- ▶ Strengthen the ability of schools to use high-quality instructional materials that align with state curriculum.
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- ▶ Promote strong partnerships between K-12 education, postsecondary institutions and local businesses.
- ▶ Increase resources for partnerships that create more opportunities for student participation.



- ▶ Support high-quality academic choices for students.
- ▶ Enhance opportunities for students to access high-quality after-school activities that offer college and career programming and academic enrichment programs.

## SO THAT

More students will apply to, enroll in and complete technical certification, associate or bachelor's degree programs.



Teacher effectiveness in the Delta will improve. This creates more equitable access to education and career pathways for students and families.



Students will be prepared for college and careers.