



# BETTER TOGETHER

Since 2015

## 2015

- Achieves **501(c)3** status
- Welcomes **first cohort of AmeriCorps VISTAs** to Central Oregon
- Releases **baseline report** on regional student success indicators

## 2016

- Sponsors first group of school district leaders to attend **CREE's racial equity training**
- Co-launches the **first Skilled Trades Fair with Central Oregon STEM Hub**
- Collaborates on **National Mentoring Month with CBO partners**, recognized by City of Bend

## 2017

- Integrates **Early Learning Hub** to form a **complete cradle-to-career partnership**
- Acquires **Volunteer Connect** platform to expand **volunteer service for youth**
- Latinx Success Initiative champions **expansion of COCC's AVANZA and OSU's Juntos programs** to all regional middle and high schools



## 2020

- Champions the **school-age childcare** of essential workers families
- Hires Director of Family and Youth Partnerships; launches **Latinx Family and Youth Councils** in Sisters, Culver, and Prineville; and supports Native Indigenous Communities: Papalaxsimisha's Family Engagement efforts
- Launches **fiscal sponsorship for culturally-specific programs** (e.g., The Father's Group, Papalaximisha, Restorative Justice & Equity)

## 2019

- Partners with 3 districts to authentically engage **diverse youth & family voice in Student Success Act funding**
- Pilots **Juntos Aprendemos**, Spanish-language early learning program in Bend and Redmond
- Co-hosts **City Club Youth Series** to elevate **youth voice & leadership**

## 2018

- Launches the **Culture of Care, trauma-informed training** across 6 districts and **regional resilience survey**
- Launches **Youth Career Connect** internships with EDCO and regional Chambers
- Secures federal High School Equivalency Project (HEP) grant, **expands GED programs for migrant students with COCC**

## 2021

- Co-facilitates **growth of Bend-La Pine Schools Racial Equity Coalition** to include school, community, and family voices
- Expands **Youth Empowerment Leadership Summit post-pandemic** with regional K-12, Higher Ed, and CBO partners
- Year of leadership transitions

## 2022

- **Latinx Family & Youth Councils expand to Redmond and Bend**
- Partners with HDESD to **train & assess school leaders in family engagement** with national TA partner
- **Launches the South County Collaborative** as a fiscal sponsor, in La Pine, Sunriver, and Three Rivers

## 2023

- Secures ODE funds, **brings culturally-specific afterschool learning programs to Redmond SD**
- Leads the first **Spanish-language racial equity training for parents (Liderazgo en Accion)** with **CREE Collaborative and Southern Oregon ESD**
- Becomes the fiscal sponsor for the **regional Latinx Student Scholarship Program**, partnering with Family Councils to review and select recipients



# 10<sup>th</sup>

## 2025

- **10-year anniversary, hosting first Summit** with 150+ regional and cross-sector representation
- Launching **updated priorities and strategies** in partnership with Central Oregon communities

## 2024

- Conducts **Education-Housing Partnership Analysis** with Enterprise Community Partners
- Secures funds with South County Collaborative to **improve school engagement and achievement in South County; launches La Pine Family Council**
- Supports development of **Hearts & Minds Together Collaborative**, joining people from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Yakama Nation, and Yurok Tribe around **Native and Indigenous Youth Success**



**Note:** This timeline highlights just a few of the many milestones, partnerships, and moments that have shaped Better Together's first 10 years.. It's not a complete history, but rather a starting point to honor the progress we've made together.