

# Cradle-to-Career Data System

## Vision

The Cradle-to-Career Data System connects individuals and organizations with trusted information and resources. It provides insights into critical milestones in the pipeline from early care to K–12 to higher education, skills training, and employment. It empowers individuals to reach their full potential and fosters evidence-based decision-making to help California build a more equitable future.

## Mission

To be California's source of actionable data and research on education, economic, and health outcomes for individuals, families, and communities; to expand access to tools and services to navigate the education to employment pipeline.

## Strategic Objectives

- Develop the architecture for linking records across agencies and creating intersegmental data sets
- Provide public-facing data visualizations, query tools, and a research library that provide actionable information on education, social services, employment patterns, and equity gaps in opportunities and outcomes
- Provide inter-agency data sets that enable research on factors that help Californians meet critical education milestones, evaluate the long-term impact of state-funded programs, and identify strategies for closing equity gaps
- Provide resources, training, and technical assistance that build data literacy among policymakers, practitioners, and the public
- Provide college and career planning tools, college-readiness monitoring, electronic transcripts, and confirmation of eligibility for financial aid and student supports
- Lead efforts to ensure the reliability of data contributed by the partner entities