



**ESL Providers Network
(EPN)**

**Adult English Language
Acquisition Cohort**

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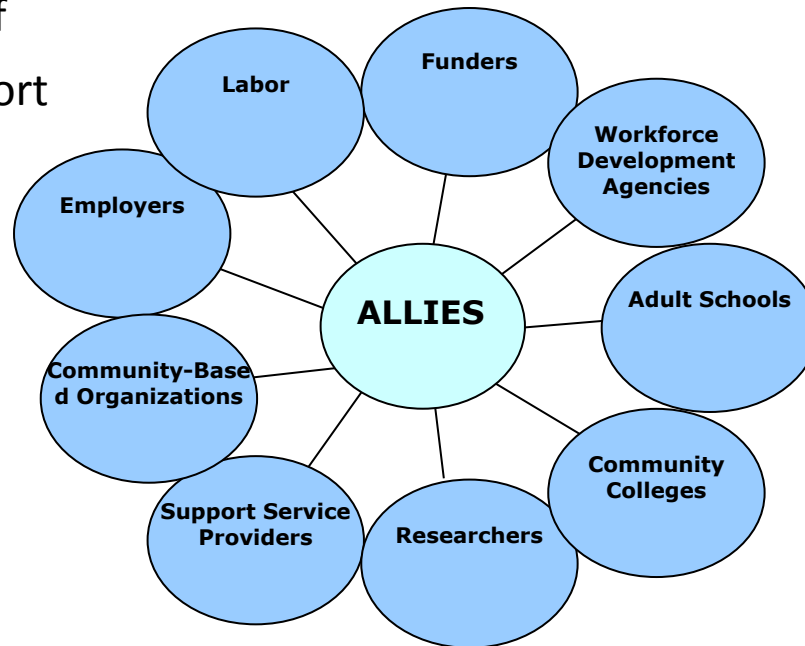
Today's Objectives

1. ESL practitioner networking
2. Relationship building AELA-ALLIES
3. Policy updates
4. Development of Mini-Grant options
5. Identify potential next EPN meeting date

ALLIES Overview

Mission

Support English-learner adults in achieving family-sustaining occupations by creating a seamless network of educational and support services.



Strategies

- Pathways and transitions
- Referral to services
- Follow-up
- Track student success
- Promote ESL Community of Practice
- Support innovation and promising practices

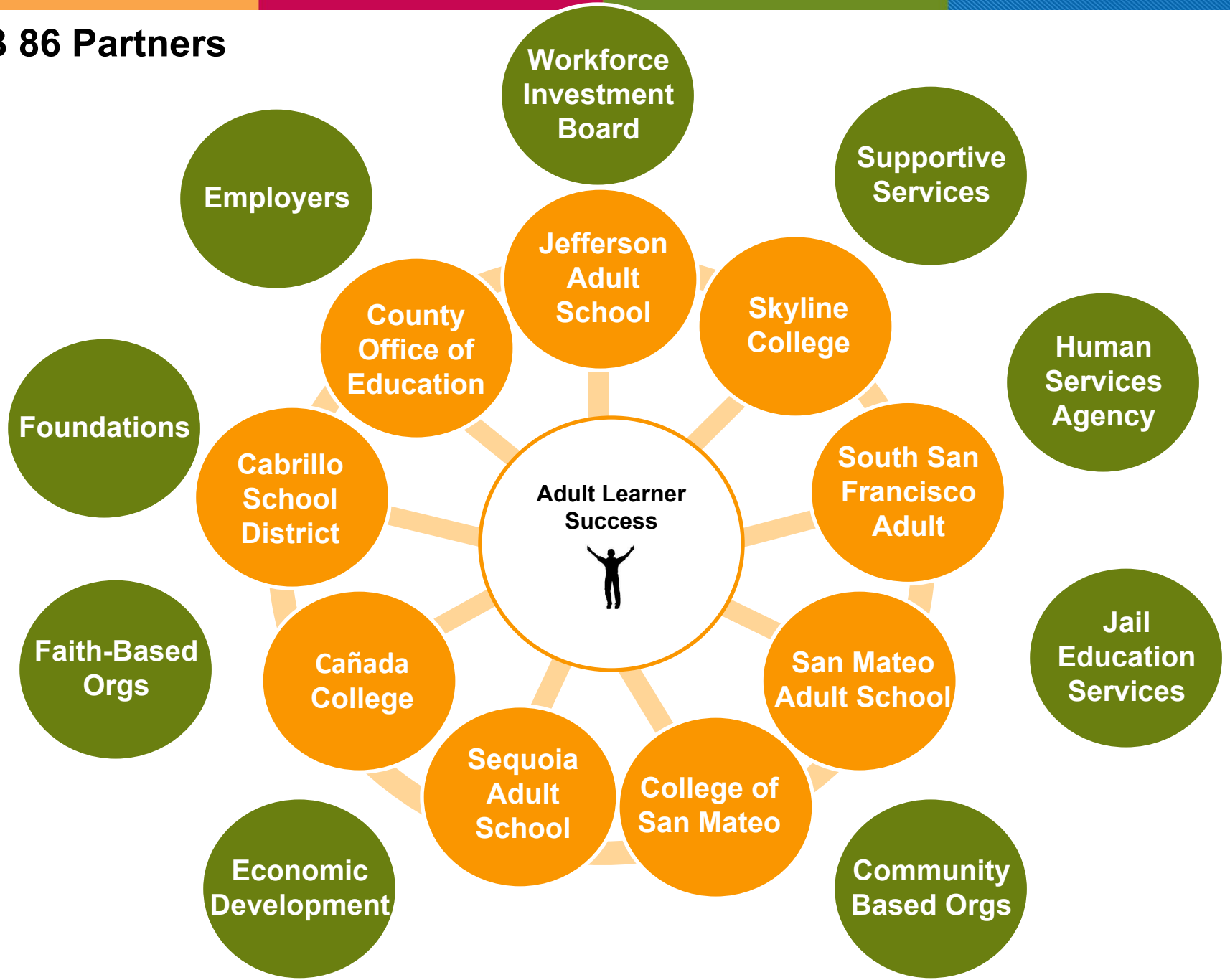
Policy Updates

- AB86
- Silicon Valley ALLIES
- ALLIES
- Immigration – Executive Action

AB 86 Purpose

The goal of AB 86 is to **rethink** and **redesign** an educational system that creates **seamless transitions for students** across adult schools and community colleges to **accelerate academic and career success**.

AB 86 Partners



AB 86's Objectives

Research

- 1 **Assess current offerings in adult education**
- 2 Identify the **need** for adult education

Vision for Change

- 3 Integrate programs to create **seamless transitions** to:
 - Post-secondary education
 - Workforce
- 4 **Address gaps** in service
- 5 **Accelerate progress** through “effective practices”

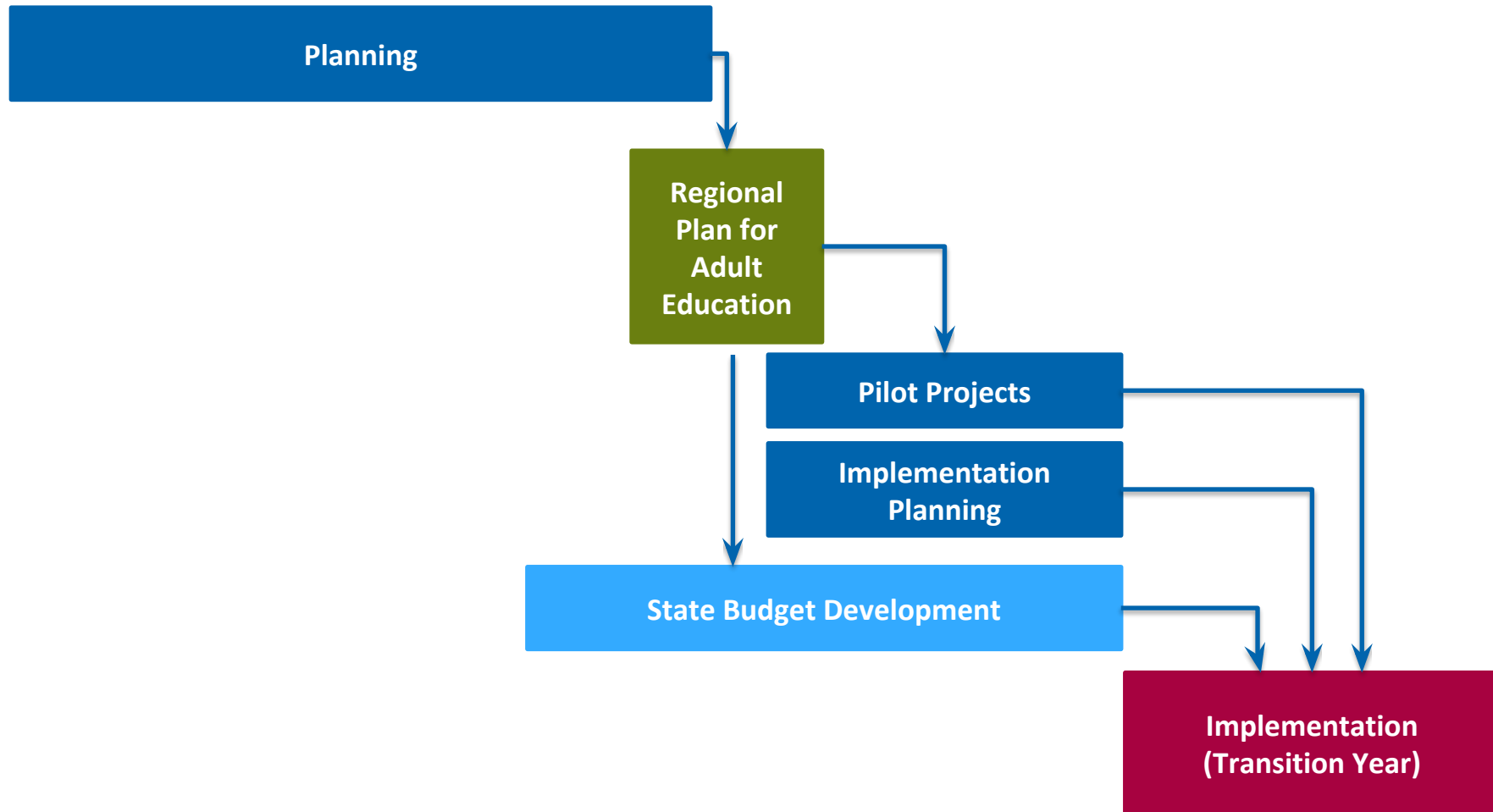
Implementation

- 6 Collaborate to provide ongoing **professional development**
- 7 Leverage existing **regional structures**

AB 86 Looking Ahead

- ❖ Governor Brown has proposed dedicated Adult Education funding
 - \$350 M – Maintenance of Effort for Adult Schools
 - \$150 M to Consortia to Fund Regional Plans
- ❖ Strong validation of the consortium approach
- ❖ Call for ongoing engagement with external partners
- ❖ Long-term policy still undefined
 - Maintenance of effort may not be part of 2016-17 model
 - Performance funding has been discussed
 - Ongoing emphasis of workforce development and regional coordination

AB 86 Implementation Timeline



2014

2015

Silicon Valley ALLIES – Department of Labor Grant

- ❖ Grant ends June 30, 2015

- ❖ Pilot Projects
 - Kaiser ESL for janitorial staff
 - ELLS – Job Search
 - San Mateo County – ESL for Food Service workers

- ❖ ALLIES Asset Mapping Tool

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Immigration Policy Update

ALLIES Collaboration Mini-Grant

Collaboration Mini Grant – Today’s Process

1. Purpose and Context
2. Examples
 - Contra Costa County – Project Access ECE Pathway
 - San Mateo County – “Mini ALLIES” Asset Mapping
3. Small Group Discussions In Consortium Groups
 - Brainstorm Desired Outcomes and Activities
 - Identify Next Steps for Grant Development
4. Large Group Debriefing

Mini Grant Purpose

Bring together CBOs and the AB 86 consortia to

- Advance integration of CBOs in 'no wrong door' solutions
- Build awareness and working relationships
- Educate the AB 86 consortia about the potential roles of CBOs
- Identify student and provider gaps and solutions

Mini Grants – Key Exploratory Step to Advancing ALLIES Vision

We need your input and feedback on how to leverage ALLIES' investments over the last 4 years:

- EPN Collaborations
- SV ALLIES Products
 - Provider survey data
 - Asset map tool

This is a work in progress!! We don't have all the answers!

Regional Coordination and Alignment – Key Policy Trends

- Career Pathways Trust Grants
- WIBs – Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
- AB 86 Adult Education Consortium
- US Department of Education Report

Making Skills Everyone's Business: A Call to Transform Adult Learning in the United States

Strategy 1: Act Collectively to Raise Awareness and Take Joint Ownership of Solutions

Clarifications about the purpose of the Mini-Grants

The Mini-Grants **are not intended** to:

- Indicate that adult education funding will be allocated to CBO's under future state policy
- Pay for existing operations

What the Mini-Grants **are intended** to do:

- Bring CBOs and AB 86 Consortia together to explore new ways of working together to serve students
- Enhance resource and service coordination and leveraging
- Attract new funding, including public, private and foundation
- Create a foundation for sustainable CBO roles as Adult Ed policy evolves

ALLIES provides leadership within AB 86, but does not speak for the consortia