

People – that is what Chattanooga 2.0 is all about.

It is a focus on supporting access to opportunities that lead to a bright future for the members of our community. *Cradle to Career* isn't just a cliché phrase in this conversation. It's a statement of commitment. A commitment central to the goals and initiatives this community helped develop in order to support ALL students in obtaining the skills and credentials necessary to access careers that support a living wage. Chattanooga 2.0 started as a report released in December of 2015 that prompted a conversation in our community. This conversation started as an economic imperative, but it quickly shifted to a moral imperative as we undertook to improve the economic mobility and academic outcomes for our children in early childhood, K-12, and post-secondary.

The community engaged in an unbelievable way, and strategies were co-constructed as people from across all sectors and stakeholder groups shared their thoughts, opinions, and dreams on how to better the cradle to career continuum. As one of the early partners in the conversation, Causeway created a kit for people to host "gather round" discussions in living rooms, kitchen tables, coffee shops, and wherever a group of passionate, concerned community members could find a place to meet and to review the information in the first report and answer questions to inform new strategies. We heard what YOU had to say about challenges, what is working, and bold ideas for solutions, and we took them back to create a set of strategies in which our community could feel ownership.

Now we want to hear what you think of the strategies, and we want to know what you feel should be prioritized and will have the most immediate impact. This a community informed plan, and we value your thoughts on the next steps of that plan.

This toolkit is a collaboration between Chattanooga 2.0 and Causeway.

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Causeway inspires and equips Chattanoogaans to develop smarter solutions to our city's toughest challenges.

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Chattanooga 2.0 is a community-led movement to write the next chapter in our future by transforming education and workforce opportunities in Hamilton County.

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Instructions

Before the guests arrive, print and cut the pages in half to make cards that are easy to pass around.

To break the ice, go around the table and have everyone share their best experience in school.

The key themes that Chattanooga 2.0 is focusing on are broken into three categories: **Early Childhood Education, K-12, and Post-Secondary + Workforce Development**. Your group can decide on one category to focus on, or discuss all of them for a broader conversation. Each category can be identified by its background pattern.

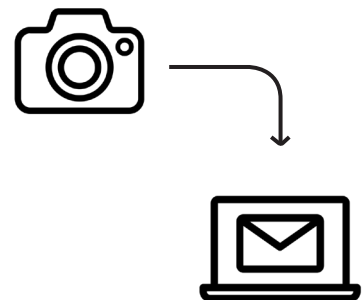
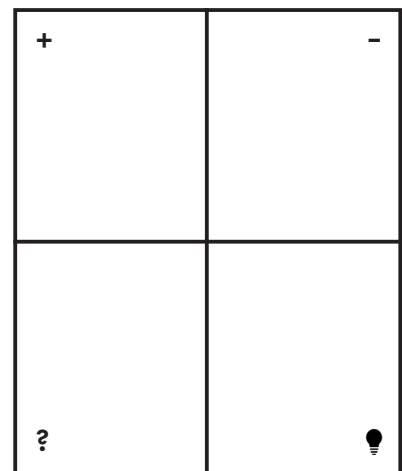
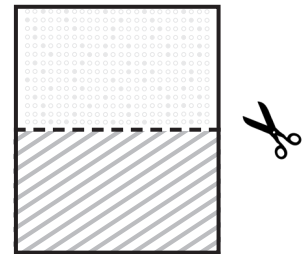
Read through the cards that you choose and take notes on the 4-quadrant sheet. **Write things people like in the “+” page, things people dislike in the “-” page, questions people have in the “?” page, and ideas people have on the page with the lightbulb.**

End with these questions:

- Do you see any gaps in the strategies or ideas presented in the work so far of 2.0?
- What would make 2.0 different from previous education initiatives?

Let the Chattanooga 2.0 team know about the conversation you had. Send an e-mail to: info@chatt2.org with:

- a. A description of the event (# of people attending, neighborhood, backgrounds reflected, etc)
- b. A photo of your 4-quadrant sheet
- c. What category did your group focused on?
- d. What ideas or concerns emerged through your conversations?
- e. What were your groups answers to the closing questions?



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

**Improve the quality
of early learning.**

POST-SECONDARY + WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**Strengthen focus
on soft skills
and workplace
readiness.**

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

**Equip parents as the
first teachers.**

K-12

**Get the community
to actively support
student learning.**

**Measure success,
learn from data and
change as needed.**

K-12

**Attract and retain
the best teachers.**

**Ensure a rich
environment for
teaching and
learning in every
school.**

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

**Provide support for
children's health and
wellbeing.**

K-12

**Create equitable
access to high
quality learning.**

POST-SECONDARY + WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**Reconnect with
adults for college
completion and
training.**

POST-SECONDARY + WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**Support students
to successfully
enroll in and
complete college.**

K-12 and POST-SECONDARY

**Make sure that
educational
experiences provide
career pathways.**

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

**Increase quantity of
early learning seats.**

POST-SECONDARY + WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**Make sure
post-secondary
experiences provide
career pathways.**

K-12

**Attract and retain
the best principals.**

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Closing Questions

Do you see in any gaps in the strategies or ideas presented in the work so far of 2.0?

What would make 2.0 different from previous education initiatives?

Are their groups not represented in 2.0 that should be heard?

Notes:
