

Broadening Health Pathways and WBL Opportunities in SCUSD

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Research Question: How can the California Endowment (TCE) support Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) in building the work-based learning infrastructure of health academies?

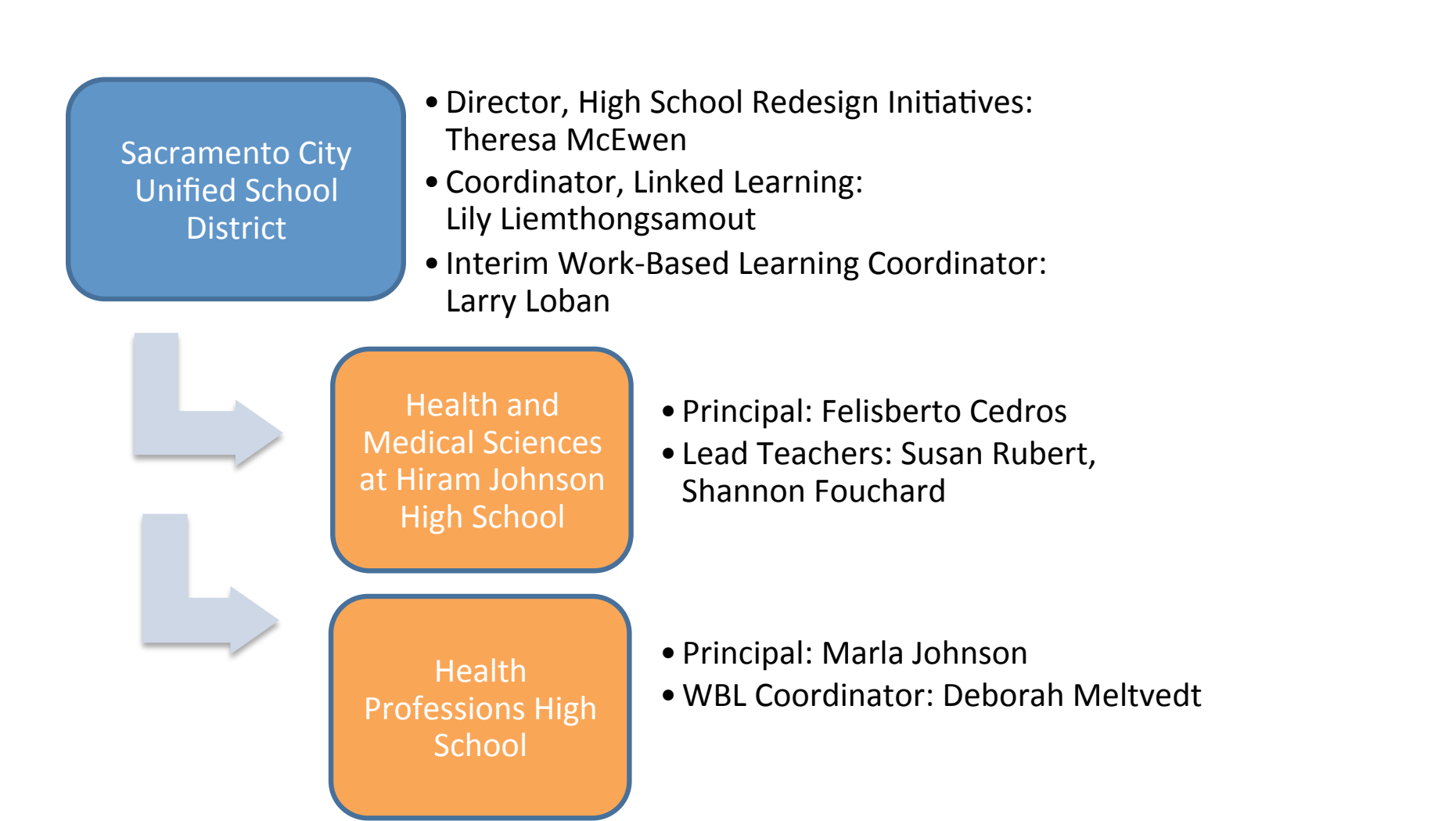
Context

\$21 million is coming into the Sacramento area from the **California Career Pathways Trust** to support work-based learning (WBL). Given their work with South Sacramento as part of the Building Healthy Communities initiative, the California Endowment is interested in expanding WBL opportunities for high school students in SCUSD health pathways by facilitating regional collaborations between their community-based grantees and the school district. Given traditional shortages of healthcare professionals in low-income communities, TCE has committed to supporting **student-centered health career pathways**.

Methods

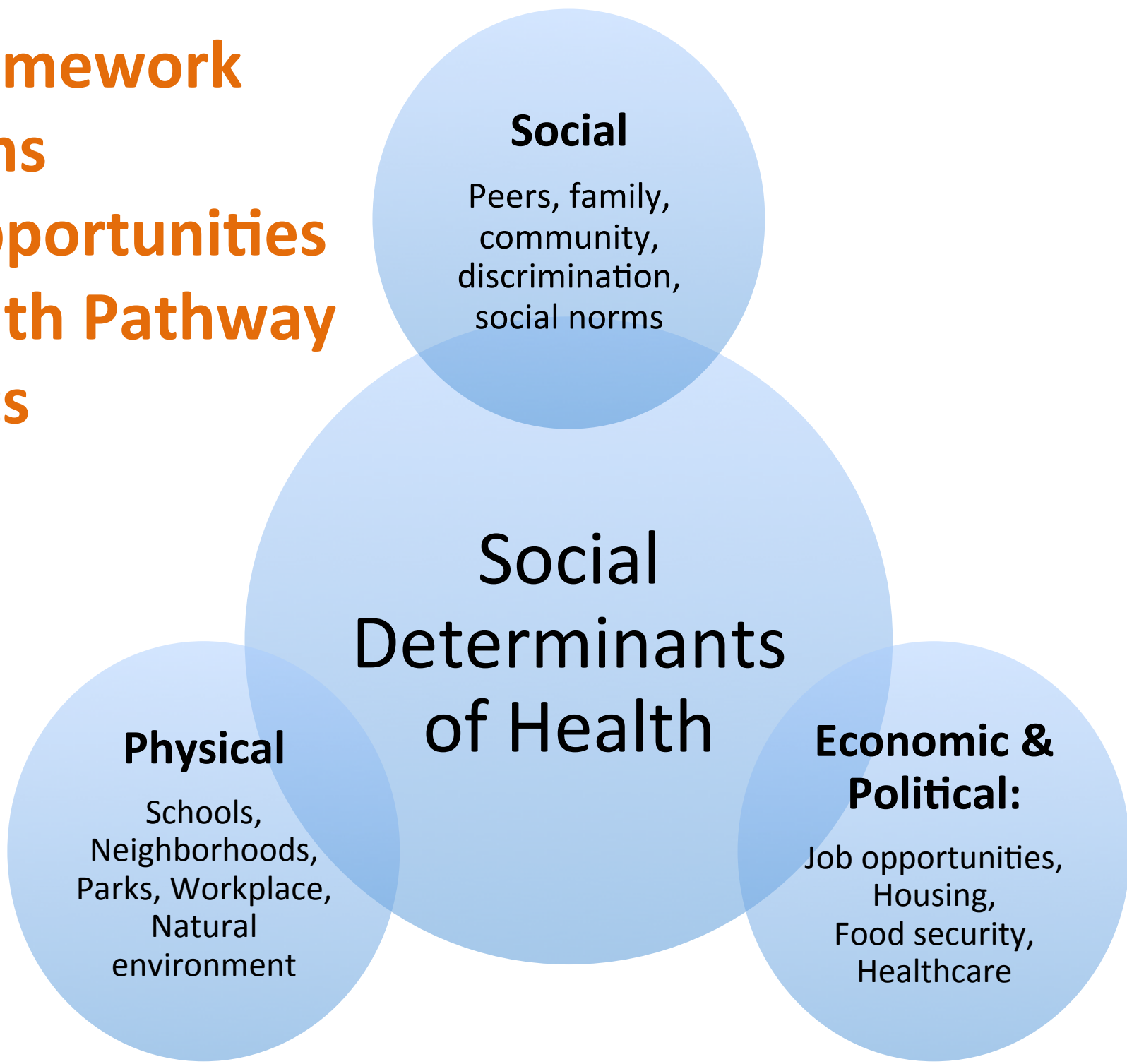
- Literature review of public health education curriculum, WBL, and Linked Learning policy documents;
- Key informant interviews with 4 SCUSD district and school officials; 4 TCE-funded CBOs; and 5 experts, instructors, and activists in community health;
- Site visits with 2 CBOs and 1 regional health pathway instructor.

Health Pathways in SCUSD: Key Staff/Teachers

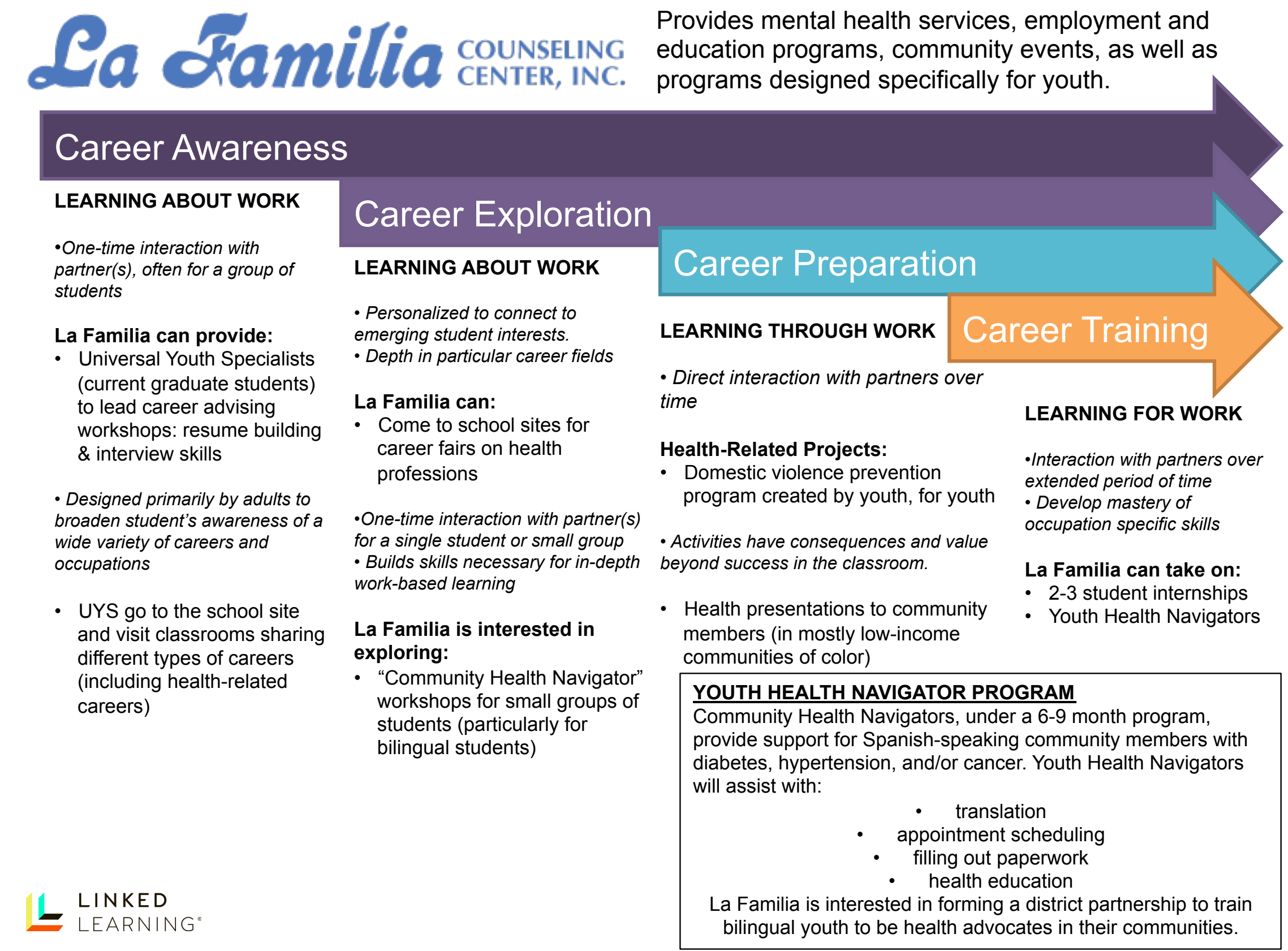


Framework

SDH Framework Broadens WBL Opportunities for Health Pathway Students

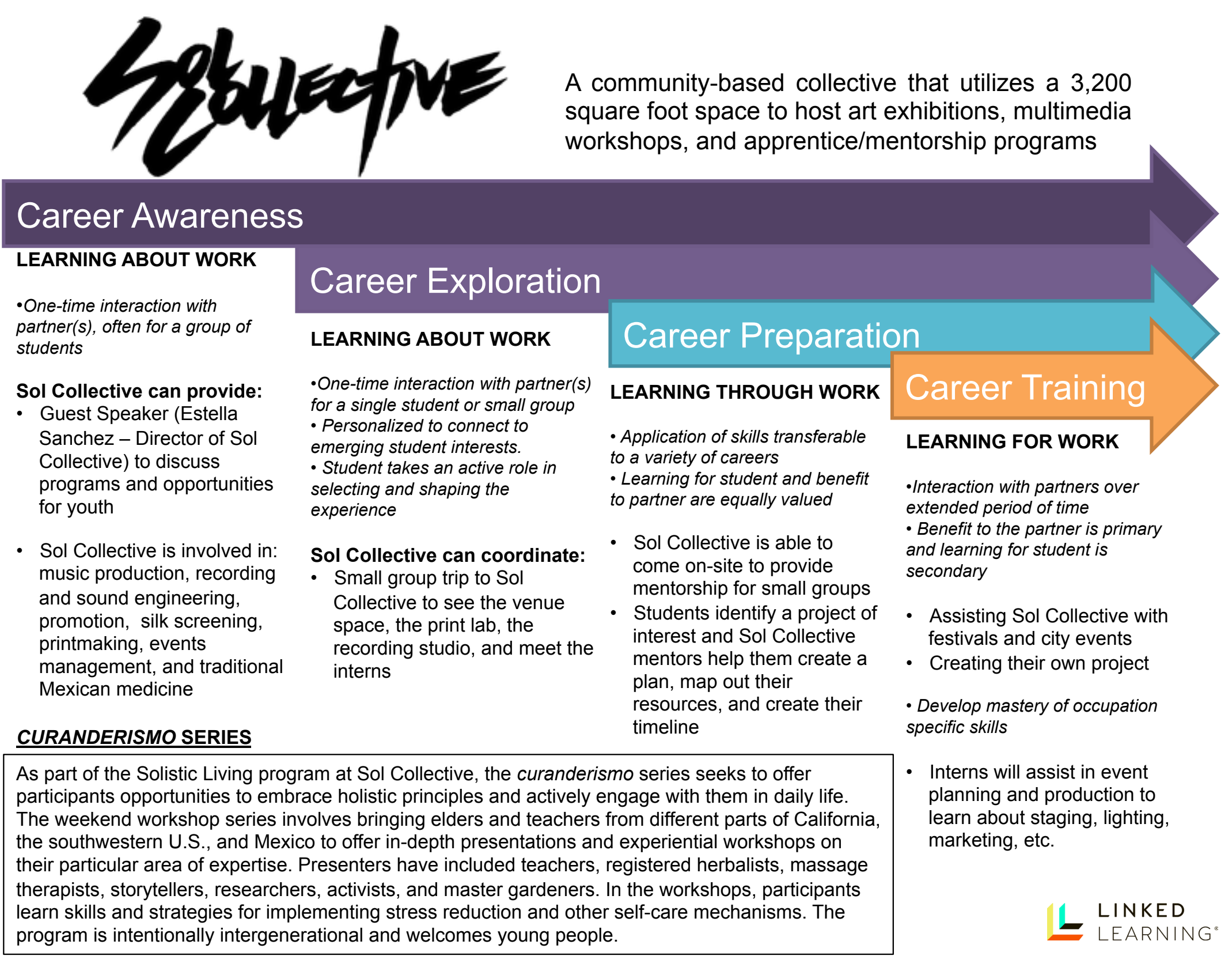
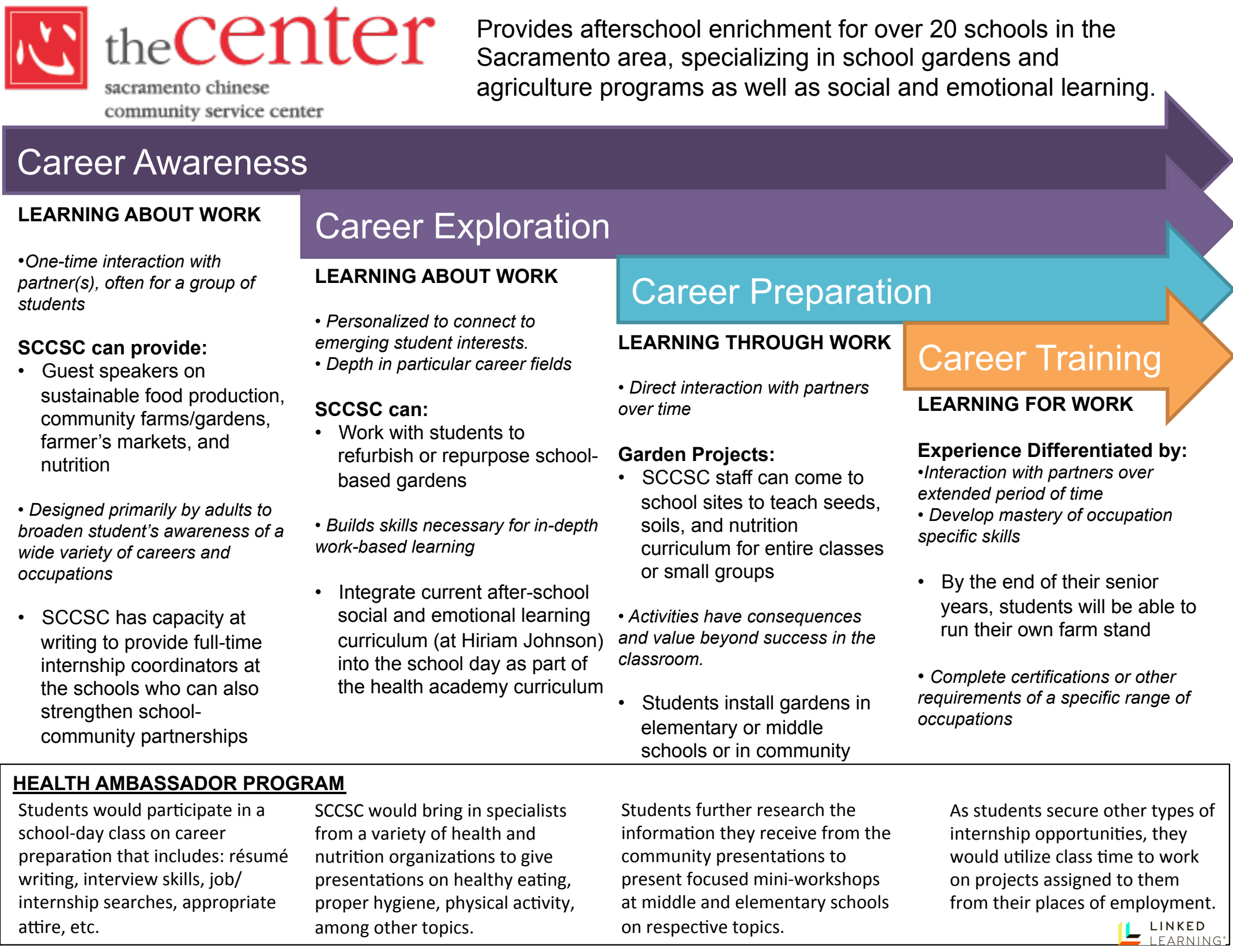


TCE Grantees



Recommendations

- **Broaden the health pathways** in SCUSD to align with a social determinants of health framework thereby expanding work-based learning career awareness, exploration, and preparation opportunities for SCUSD students.
- **Leverage the expertise of TCE-funded CBOs** working in community health and youth development to expand WBL opportunities, particularly the pre-internship activities available on site.
- **Support WBL infrastructure** within SCUSD to include both community health and healthcare industry partners in any district-wide advisory councils.
- **Invest in social and emotional learning** in SCUSD by incorporating it as an integral component of the health pathway.



Other TCE grantees interested in providing WBL opportunities: Asian Resources Inc., Center for Community Health and Well Being (Girls on the Rise), and Yes2Kollege

Most of the community organizations also have the capacity and interest to provide up to 5 internships to SCUSD students. The **Foundation for Community Colleges** offered to be the employer of record for the internships.