WORKING TOGETHER FOR CHITTENDEN COUNTY'S CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Project LAUNCH's impact on the system of services and support.1

LEVELS OF COLLABORATION

COLLABORATIONS ARE EFFECTIVE WHEN PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS ARE ENGAGED.2

COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES

Exchanging information, attending meetings together, and offering resources to partners.

COORDINATED ACTIVITIES

Cooperative Activities - plus -

Intentional efforts to enhance each other's capacity for the mutual benefit of programs. Requires some planning and division of roles.

INTEGRATED ACTIVITIES

Cooperative and **Coordinated Activities**

plus –

Engaging in common activities to foster interdependence between partners. Requires planning and sharing of resources and power.

OUTCOMES

A DIVERSE NETWORK IS KEY.

Growing the network engaged more organizations. As a result, more organizations shared the same goal to improve the system of care for children and families.

partners in 2014

partners in 2016



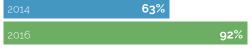
INCREASE BY SECTOR



COLLABORATION WORKS

More partners attributed the success of the network to 3 key areas:

Exchanging information and knowledge



Sharing resources



Creating informal relationships

2014	59%	
2016		77%

SUCCESS

SUSTAINABLE NETWORKS ARE BUILT ON TRUST AND ACTION.

Chittenden County's service provider network trust levels are high. When trust is high, work results in success.

Although you would expect that doubling the size of the network would reduce cohesion, the trust scores actually increased over time.



* Trust is measured by partners' perceptions of reliability, mission alignment, and openess to discussion.

As the network doubled, the average number of identified collaborative relationships nearly doubled.

2014 = 15 collaborative relationships

On average, each organization reported the following number of collaborative relationships



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- $^{ ilde{z}}$ Project LAUNCH used PARTNER (Program to Analyze, Record, and Track Networks to Enhance Relationships), a tool that combines an organization survey with analytic software, to measure levels of collaboration among partner organizations based on type of activity.