Uniting Social Entrepreneurs and Policymakers



Transforming Local Impact Into National Change

About America Forward

America Forward unites social entrepreneurs with policymakers to promote a public policy agenda that fosters innovation, rewards results, and catalyzes cross-sector partnerships. America Forward leads the **America Forward Coalition**, a network of 100+ of the nation's most impactful and innovative non-governmental organizations that develop and advocate for more effective public policies to advance opportunity and move all of America forward.



America Forward Coalition members achieve high-impact, measurable outcomes in more than 15,000 communities nationwide, touching the lives of over 9 million Americans each year, and driving progress in early child care and learning, K-12 and post-secondary education, youth mental health and wellbeing, economic mobility and workforce development, evidence-based policy, social innovation, national service, and civic participation. Since 2007, America Forward's community of entrepreneurs has played a leading role in driving the national dialogue on social innovation policy and impact.

What We Do

Together, our Coalition organizations have successfully advocated for lasting policy change, leveraged **\$1.9 billion** in public funding for social innovation, and driven valuable federal resources toward programs that achieve measurable results for those who need them most. America Forward firmly believes that our nation's social entrepreneurs can help lead the way to unlocking America's potential and move all of America forward.

- Lead Collective Advocacy: The America Forward Coalition develops innovative policy proposals and pursues collective public policy agendas in the areas of early care and learning, K-12 education, post-secondary education, youth mental health and wellbeing, economic mobility and workforce development, evidence-based policy, social innovation, civic participation, and national service.
- Build Capacity for Sustainable Policy Work: America Forward partners with Coalition organizations to help build their advocacy, policy, and systems change capacities and to foster cross-sector collaborative learning opportunities. America Forward empowers our network of social entrepreneurs to become better, bolder advocates by building their policy capacity through the America Forward Advocacy Institute.
- Amplify the Voice of Social Innovation: America Forward supports strategies that spread the reach of social innovation policy through thought leadership, events and external engagement, communications, and public education materials.

America Forward Impact Highlights 2022-2023 LED DIGITAL WHOLE LEARNER MEDIA CAMPAIGN THAT GENERATED 30 MILLION IMPRESSIONS AND 8 MILLION ENGAGEMENTS ACROSS SOCIAL 2015 MEDIA PLATFORMS MANY AMERICA MAJOR WINS IN THE FORWARD 2021 RIPARTISAN BUDGET PRIORITIES **EDUCATION COVID ACT OF 2018** 2012 INCLUDED IN ESSA RELIEF FUNDING DOL WORKFORCE DEDICATED TO INNOVATION EVIDENCE-BASED 2014 FUNDS (WIF) WHOLE-LEARNER 2022-2023 PAY FOR SUCCESS SECURED APPROACHES PASSES \$200M+ **NEW HIGHER** PROVISIONS IN **EDUCATION** \$350M+ **WIOA & SIF PASS** Potential for Pay for **EVIDENCE FUND** Potential for Pay for PASSES SIPPRA & MIECHV Success Projects via 2009 CREATION OF SOCIAL **UP TO** INNOVATION FUND (SIF) \$25M \$50M \$25.3B For Innovative Outcomes-Focused Potential for New **UP TO** COVID Relief \$360M \$50M Programs Funding Set Aside for Whole Learner For Scaling & 2007 \$700M Evidence-Based Postsecondary Developing Student Success AMERICA Potential for Pay for Annually Under Grants FORWARD RESEA Program Strategies WINDA & SIF 2007 2009 2011 2013 2015 2017 2019 2021 2023

In America Forward's first 15 years, we collectively:

- More than tripled the number of Coalition organizations to over 100
- Leveraged \$1.9+ billion for social innovation and outcome-based payments
- Drove millions of federal resources to achieve measurable results
- Influenced billions of education dollars towards whole learner approaches

The America Forward Coalition

10,000 Degrees | Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors | Acelero Learning/Shine Early Learning | Aliento | Alternative Staffing Alliance | American Student Assistance | America's Promise Alliance | AppleTree Institute for Education Innovation | Apprenticeships for America | Aurora Institute | AVANCE | Bard Early Colleges | BARR Center | BellXcel | Beyond 12 | Beyond 100k | Big Thought | Bottom Line | Braven | Cara Collective | CASEL | CEEMI | Center for Whole-Child Education | Children's Aid | Children's Literacy Initiative | Citizen Schools | City Year | CoGenerate | College Advising Corps | College Possible | Corporation for Supportive Housing | CrossXReach | Diverse Charter Schools Coalition | Educators for Excellence | EdLoC | Enterprise Community Partners | Envision Education | Equal Opportunity Schools | Eskolta School Research and Design exalt | Freedom Project | FUSE Corps | FutureFit AI | Generation Citizen | Genesys Works | GenUnity | GreenLight Fund | Human Potential L.A.B. | i.c. Stars | Imblaze by Big Picture Learning | Institute for Child Success | Jumpstart for Young Children | KIPP | Latinos For Education | Leading Educators | LEAP Innovations | LIFT | Local Initiatives Support Corporation | Maycomb Capital | Millennial Action Project | Mortar | National Math and Science Initiative | New Politics Leadership Academy | New Teacher Center | Nurse-Family Partnership | One Million Degrees | Opportunity@Work | Our Voice Nuestra Voz | P.S. 305 | Parents Amplifying Voices in Education | Peace First | Peer Forward | Peer Health Exchange | Per Scholas | Power of Place Learning Communities | Project Evident | Project QUEST | Propel America | ProUnitas | Public Allies | Reading Partners | REDF | Saga Education | Service Year Alliance | Single Stop | Social Creatures | Social Finance US | Social Impact Architects | Springboard Collaborative | Stockton Service Corps | TalkingPoints | Teach For America | Tech Goes Home | The Farmlink Project | The F.I.N.D. Design | The Learning Accelerator | The Michelson 20MM Foundation | The Neurodiversity Alliance | The Opportunity Network | The People | The Pivot Fund | Think of Us | Third Sector Capital Partners | Throughline Learning | TNTP | TRAILS | Transcend, Inc. | uAspire | UF Lastinger Center for Learning | UnboundEd | UpTogether | Valor Collegiate Academies | Vehicles for Change | Voice for Adoption | Wyman Center | Year Up United | YouthBuild | Zearn