



# The Prichard Committee

Building a Groundswell for a Big, Bold Future

# **Tools for Transformation: Equipping Communities for Groundswell Action**

**Discover, Explore, and Examine the new  
Groundswell Toolbox.**



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# Today's Agenda

- **Introductions**
- **Curated Toolkit Walk-thru**
- **Practice Using the Toolbox**
- **Feedback Survey**



# Session Objectives

## •Participants will:

- **Discover how the Prichard Committee's online Groundswell Toolbox empowers communities to transition from identifying problems to implementing effective solutions;**
- **Explore practical strategies for addressing educational challenges;**
- **Examine effective programs and practices for enhancing education;**
- **Provide helpful feedback on the Groundswell Toolbox.**



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# Groundswell Community Profiles

Before we know where we are going, we must know where we currently stand. Community Profiles offer us that starting point.



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# Groundswell Toolbox

Turn knowledge into action: From understanding our starting point with the Community Profiles to taking actionable steps with the Groundswell Toolbox.



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# Resources & Curated Toolkits

## I. Resources

- Case Statements
- Outcomes (Lagging Indicators)
- Leading Indicators
- Forecasts
- Strategies
- Programs and Practices
- Spotlights
- National & State Policies
- Lead Agencies and Partners
- Research

- Case Studies
- Community Conversation Guide
- Advocacy Resources
  - Key Media (Blogs, Op-eds, media appearances, etc.)

## II. Curated Toolkits

- Early Childhood
- Meaningful Diploma
- Community Schools
- Family & School Partnerships



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# Other Topics:

- Early Childhood Education Access and Quality
- Kindergarten and Early Elementary Preparedness
- Foundational Literacy and Numeracy
- Middle School Achievement and Transition
- School Attendance, Behavior, and Engagement
- Access to Advanced Coursework
- High School Achievement and Graduation
- Postsecondary and Career Readiness
- Chronic Absenteeism
- Preschool Enrollment
- Graduation Rate
- College-Going Rate
- Postsecondary Degree Attainment



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# Practice Using the Toolkit

**STEP 1** Form into groups of 5-8 individuals.

## **STEP 2**

Select ONE of the *Early Childhood Scenarios*



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# Groundswell Toolbox Reveal!

Go to:

<https://prichardcommittee.webflow.io/>

Or use the QR code.

***Password: bullhorn***



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# Step 3: Apply the Tools

## Key Discussion Questions:

- 1. Collaboration and Engagement:** Who would you collaborate with and engage in this work to improve education? Are there additional stakeholders that need to be at the table?
- 2. Utilizing Resources:** Which of the resources could help you change current outcomes, and in what way? What strategies would you implement to ensure better outcomes? How might you work with decision-makers?



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# Step 4: Document Your Experience

## Guiding Questions:

- What specific information or resources were most useful in your conversation?
- What new insights or surprising facts did you learn from the resources presented?
- Was there any information or resource you felt was missing that would have been useful?
- After looking at the resources, what new questions or areas of inquiry emerged in your group conversation?
- How did the resources inform and shape the direction of your conversation?



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# Step 5: Share with the Group

**Be prepared to briefly share your group's findings and experiences with the larger group. Summarize key points from small group exercise, including:**

1. Education issues and challenges faced;
2. Successful strategies discussed and employed;
3. Useful tools and resources discovered in the Groundswell Toolbox.

Highlight how your group utilized the toolkit to address a particular educational issue.



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# Survey

**We appreciate  
your feedback!**



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# Contact Us

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