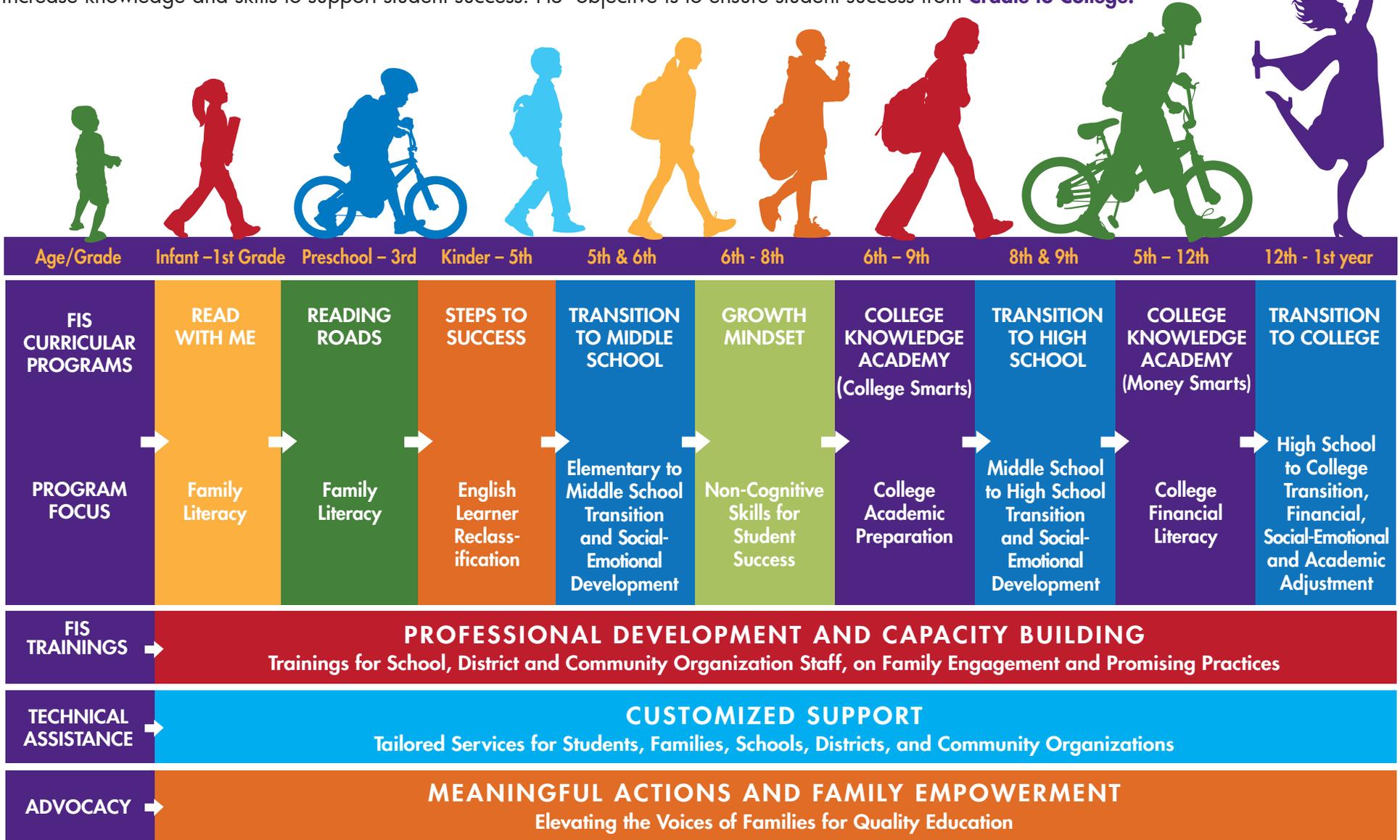


Family Engagement Path

When schools engage parents/guardians as authentic partners, students do significantly better in school. **Families In Schools (FIS)** offers schools and community organizations programs to give staff, parents, and students new learning opportunities that increase knowledge and skills to support student success. FIS' objective is to ensure student success from **Cradle to College**.



FIS CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

The goals of the FIS curricular programs are to provide parents with the knowledge, skills, tools, and confidence to enhance their involvement in their child's education

READ WITH ME engages families in early reading activities by providing a weekly supply of award-winning children's books into the home, through a rotating library. The program is complemented with lessons for family literacy workshops.

READING ROADS is a five week family literacy curriculum for parents of preschool and elementary school students. Each lesson helps parents support the literacy development of their child at home, as well as at school.

STEPS TO SUCCESS is a five week curriculum for parents of English Learners (EL). The program builds parent's skills, knowledge, and confidence to support their child in the reclassification process.

GROWTH MINDSET is a four week curriculum that encourages parents to learn new strategies to support their child's education. The interactive lessons focus on learning mindsets, family communication, and ways parents can support their child's development of non-cognitive skills.

TRANSITIONS are programs that enable parents to gain confidence in guiding and monitoring their child's educational and social development during important transitional stages so the child is prepared for, and ultimately, successful in college. The programs provide interactive lessons focused on the importance of parent involvement in education, social-emotional development and academic success.

COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE ACADEMIES are five week project based programs, for parents and their children that promote early planning and knowledge about postsecondary options. The programs provide interactive lessons focused on building parent/child communication, the benefits of higher education, financial literacy and college preparation.



FIS TRAININGS

CURRICULUM TRAININGS provides staff the opportunity to become familiar with FIS curricular programs, methodology and facilitation practices. At the end of the training staff will be certified family workshop facilitators.

EFFECTIVE PRACTICES IN FAMILY ENGAGEMENT FIS offers professional development to help staff effectively leverage parent assets, by increasing their knowledge and skills around engaging parents. Institutes include: Parent Engagement Strategies, Welcoming Environment and Outreach, Recruitment and Retention.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT Customized programs for students and families that strive to close the achievement gap and increase first year post-secondary persistence by providing one-on-one student advising, mentoring, and workshops. Partnerships include: GEAR-UP, Cal-SOAP LA, and the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF).

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING NETWORKS Are a series of meetings for teams of professional peers, facilitated by FIS, focused on the topic of family engagement. These meetings provide participants with the opportunity to share experiences, collaborate and learn from each other, with the goal of enhancing their work in the field.

ADVOCACY

MEANINGFUL ACTIONS AND FAMILY EMPOWERMENT FIS engages families in rallying for stronger and better family and community engagement practices that will result in a more equitable learning experience for our most vulnerable children in California.

FIS collaborates with state and local organizations to more forward a policy agenda that keeps family engagement a high priority.