

## Overview

**Prosper Waco** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit created to serve as the backbone organization for a collective impact initiative to improve the education, health and financial security of people living in Waco, Texas.

Prosper Waco developed out of decades of work done by community members who wanted to see positive change. We emerged out of three existing groups: the Greater Waco Community Education Alliance, the Converging Health Collaboratives and the Poverty Solutions Initiative.

Prosper Waco Executive Director Matthew Polk was hired Jan. 4, 2015.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### • What's the mission of Prosper Waco?

To build an environment in which all members of our Waco community are able to measurably improve their education, health and financial security.

### • What role does the community play in the initiative?

The community leads the work Prosper Waco does through the Community Engagement Council. Council members host house meetings and community events in North, South and East Waco to engage community members and dialogue about which strategies would be most effective in their neighborhoods. This information is used to drive our initiative.

### • How can I get involved?

Opportunities for involvement are with the mentor coalition, through community engagement, volunteering with community partners and receiving our newsletters. Visit the "Get Involved" tab of Prosper Waco's website for more information.

### • How can Prosper Waco help me?

Visit the "Get Help Locally" page on the Prosper Waco website to get connected to resources available to you.

## Facts

- Prosper Waco is led by a board of directors responsible for oversight of the organization.
- Staff includes an executive director and other staff members responsible for guiding different aspects of the collective impact initiative.
- Prosper Waco is designed to create alignment and to discover efficiencies that help the community improve and reach their goals in a collaborative effort.
- Our goals are to produce data-driven, measurable change in the areas of education, health and financial security by 2020.