



Partner FAQs – RIZP’s Sunset Plan

Why is RIZP closing?

RIZP’s leadership team made the thoughtful decision to sunset the organization due to a significant shift in the funding landscape. Funders have redirected and/or have changed their priorities, creating a financial shortfall too large to fill—especially with our already stretched staff capacity. In many ways, the timing made sense. Much of our key work was reaching its natural conclusion, and we had the opportunity to plan this transition in a way that centers care for both our staff and the community.

We are proud of what we’ve accomplished over the past six years:

- Supporting families through the pandemic
- Strengthening collaboration between schools and families
- Co-launching the Skyway Resource Center

This closure is not being done in crisis, but with intention and pride in our collective impact.

What will happen to the Summer Learning Program?

Our **2025 Summer Learning Program will continue as planned**, running from **July 7–August 15** at **Bryn Mawr Elementary**. We encourage partners to promote the program and invite families to participate.

As we plan for the future, we’re exploring options with community partners to carry the program forward beyond 2025.

What will happen to the WEB / Middle School Transition Program?

We were proud to host our second annual **Spring Bling event** on May 27, celebrating the transition to middle school. As part of our sunset planning, RIZP leadership will explore how the **WEB Program** and **Spring Bling** can continue through community partnerships after 2025.

What will happen to the Basic Needs Program?

This program will sunset. That said, the work of the **Basic Needs Action Team** leaves behind a lasting legacy: it helped lay the groundwork for the **Skyway Resource Center**, which celebrates its Grand Opening on **May 31**.

How will you share this news?

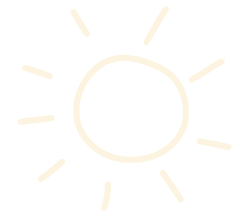
Our communications plan begins with our partners, followed by outreach to families, funders, policymakers, and the broader public during the first two weeks of June. We’ll use multiple channels—**meetings, phone calls, email, social media, and our website**—to ensure the news is shared thoughtfully and transparently. Most importantly: **All RIZP programs for 2025 will continue as scheduled and remain open to the public.**

When can we tell students and families about this news?

We ask that partners wait until after the **All Partner Meeting on May 30** to begin sharing this news more broadly. Families and mailing list subscribers will be notified the **week of June 2**. You may discuss the transition with families after **June 6**, and we ask that you emphasize that **our 2025 programming remains unchanged** and we are still inviting participation.

What will happen to RIZP’s staff?

All three RIZP team members will remain employed through the organization’s final day of operations, should they choose to stay. Supporting staff stability has been a core part of our transition planning.



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What will happen to the Chandler Walker Gayton Legacy Fund?

In **partnership with Chandler’s parents**, a final decision has been made to **spend down all remaining funds** with a **focus on early childhood development and early learning** projects.

What will happen to RIZP’s remaining funds, assets, and confidential records?

We’re working closely with **RVC, our fiscal sponsor**, to ensure a responsible wind-down of finances, HR, and recordkeeping. RVC brings strong experience in this area and will guide us through each step. Our goal is to **transfer resources wherever possible in ways that benefit the community**.

If you have questions about this process, please contact **Jasmine RaeLynn** at jraelynn@rizpartnership.org

