Community Schools: A Regional Movement

2024 Nonprofit Summit: We Thrive Together
June 25, 2024
Agenda

- Ice Breaker
- Community Schools as a Movement
- United Way as a Regional Champion
- You as a Regional Champion
- Join your County Coalition
Ice Breaker

If you could imagine our schools in the future, what do you want them to look like?
Community Impact

* Meet our Team
* Grant Requests
* Grant Opportunities
* Stories

ESL in the Community

Community Schools: Successful Student Outcomes

School districts throughout the Greater Rochester region are partnering with local organizations to establish "Community Schools." Community schools are public schools that partner with local organizations to provide students and their families with support services to address out-of-school barriers, poverty, physical and mental health, food insecurity, or clothing. Community schools are more than a place—they bring parents, community partners, and schools together, organizing schools around the student and their success. (Disclosure: ESL is a funder of several local community school initiatives)

The Rochester City School District, Greece Central School District, and Wayne County Community Schools are seeing measurable results in attendance, reading scores, and graduation rates that highlight the power of these community partnerships.

We invite you to watch below to learn more about the success of Community Schools in our area and their impact on students, families, and the community itself.

Click below to watch the first video in this three-part video series.

Impact Stories
What do you know about Community Schools from your experience or the ESL Video?
Community Schools Coalitions are a national strategy. We are going to help each other get better. We show up. We show up for one another, for our youth and families, and for our communities.

We will advance a county-by-county strategy. Countywide coalitions will connect communities to one another in each county and across the state.
HISTORY OF THE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS MOVEMENT IN NEW YORK STATE

1906
Children's Aid opens the first free school-based dental clinic.

1977
Communities in Schools (CIS) forms in New York City to bring community resources inside public schools.

1991
The New York City Beaches Initiative links community-based and nonprofit organizations with schools to increase support for youth and families.

1992
Children's Aid establishes the first community school model in Washington Heights (NYC), incorporating after-school programs and comprehensive health and social services within the school building.

1997
Joy Dryfoos, Ira Harkey, and Pete Moses convene a meeting in New York City to explore the historic relationship between school and community. The Emerging Coalition for Community Schools is formed.

2012
The UFT, Partnership for NYC, Trinity Church, and New York City Council officially form the NYC Community Learning Schools Initiative (eventually to become United Community Schools).

2013
New York State releases the first of two rounds of funding through the Community Schools Grant Initiative.

2014
The New York State Community Schools Network first convenes in Chicago through the Coalition for Community Schools. NYSUT starts supporting community schools through the Community Schools Grant Initiative.

2015
The Office of Community Schools is established in NYC. The community-based organization receives funding and hires a Community School Director and supporting staff.

2016
The first statewide convening focused on community schools is hosted by the New York State Community Schools Network at the University at Albany. Buffalo Public Schools launch their first 13 community schools. The first NYSED Aid/Foundation Aid Community Schools Set-Aside totaling $100 million (225 districts) is included in the state budget.

SOME MORE ABOUT HOW THINGS ARE GOING....AND GROWING!!
The NYS Community Schools Network is worth a follow!!  WWW.NYSCSN.ORG
Essentials for Community School Transformation

- All students flourish in thriving school communities
- Collaborative leadership, shared power and voice
- Continuous improvement
- Expanded, enriched learning opportunities
- Trusting Relationships
- Shared Vision
- School Staff & Coordinators
- Actionable Data
- Inclusive Decision-Making
- Youth & Families
- Rigorous, community-connected classroom instruction
- Culture of belonging, safety, and care

Legend:
- **Why we do this work**
- **Who drives this work**
- **Enabling conditions**
- **Key practices**
- **Supportive infrastructure**

Institution Logos:
- Brookings
- National Center for Community Schools
- Coalition for Community
- Learning Policy Institute
United Way as a Regional Champion
Table Group Instructions & Questions

A - Join your county specific table/breakout group,
B - Introduce yourself to the group and meet your group members
C - Pick a notetaker, and
D - Using the Essentials Model....

1. How do you or your agency contribute to the Enabling Conditions for Community Schools?

2. There are six key practices arranged like puzzle pieces. How do you see your work fitting into the key practices categories?

3. Choose a county... or two... but ONE at a time... what supportive infrastructure do you recognize as a potential help? How do you support creative infrastructure for Community Schools?

QUICK GOOGLE WINS:
How many school districts in your county? Buildings? Students? Check out the NYSED Public Data Site
United for ALICE

A Data Driven Analysis for Poverty
MTSS - Multi-Tiered Systems of Support

What do all students need?

What do some students need?

What do a few students need?
MTSS and Community Schools: Past, Present, and Future

National experts unpack the MTSS framework and Community Schools strategies to showcase the synergy and mutual benefit of the two schools of thought. Abe Fernandez is the Director of the National Center for Community Schools and Brian Meyer is the Co-Director of MidWest PBIS.

Held on Jan 25, 2024, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Recorded Virtual Event: [Here]
Wayne County Collaboration & Communication Flow

Wayne County Coordinating Council

Wayne County Partnership for Strengthening Families

Wayne County Community Schools Coalition

- Drug Free Coalition
- Health Steering Committee
- Grant Management Teams

Wayne Wellness Coalition

Wayne MOST

Family & Community Resource Workgroup

- Basic Needs
- Survey Team
- Early Childhood Task Group

Community Schools Workgroup

- Career Carnival Planning
- STEADY Work Advisory Board

Other Groups:
- LGU Boards & Councils
- Systems of Care Team
- Youth Board
- WHIP
- Food Security
- Housing Consortium
- Finger Lakes Resilience Network
- Suicide Prevention Coalition
- Opiate Task Force
- Community Service Advisory Board
- Threat Assessment Team
- SPOA
- Future Ready Workgroup
- Newark Community Collaboration & Public Safety Committee
- Healthy Relationships Group
- Data Coordinators Team

School District Teams
- MTSS Teams (Tier 1, 2, & 3)
- Share Decision-Making Teams
- Community School Advisory Board Meetings
- School Wellness Teams
- Kindergarten Transition Teams
- Chief School Officers

*Illustrates Communication Flow, NOT hierarchy*
Wayne County EYS 2023

Middle School Attachment

- Low Neighborhood Attachment
  - 2019: 14.6%
  - 2021: 13.6%
  - 2023: 13.9%

- Lack Attachment to Family
  - 2019: 7.9%
  - 2021: 24.2%
  - 2023: 6.6%

- Lack Attachment to School
  - 2019: 10.8%
  - 2021: 5.9%
  - 2023: 8.7%

Please visit waynepartnership.org/evalumetrics-youth-survey for more info
Wayne County EYS 2023

High School Attachment

- Low Neighborhood Attachment: 20.9% (2019), 13.8% (2021), 26.7% (2023)
- Lack Attachment to Family: 10.5% (2019), 20.8% (2021), 13.9% (2023)
- Lack Attachment to School: 13.5% (2019), 12.1% (2021), 14.4% (2023)

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Wayne County EYS 2023
Middle School - Regulation of Self

Agression
- 2019: 9.6%
- 2021: 7.3%
- 2023: 8.2%

Impulsiveness
- 2019: 8.3%
- 2021: 12.7%
- 2023: 16.2%

Antisocial Behavior
- 2019: 5.9%
- 2021: 1.5%
- 2023: 2.5%

Sensation Seeking
- 2019: 11.1%
- 2021: 24.4%
- 2023: 22.8%

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Wayne County EYS 2023  
High School - Regulation of Self

- **Rebelliousness**
  - 2019: 10.5%
  - 2021: 5.4%
  - 2023: 10.9%

- **Impulsiveness**
  - 2019: 12.9%
  - 2021: 6.8%
  - 2023: 15.0%

- **Antisocial Behavior**
  - 2019: 4.7%
  - 2021: 4.9%
  - 2023: 5.8%

- **Sensation Seeking**
  - 2019: 21.3%
  - 2021: 16.8%
  - 2023: 22.5%

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**TIER 1**
- Hallway Greetings
- Community Circles
- Inclusive language/curriculum

**TIER 2**
- Peer Mentoring
- SEL Groups
- Check In/Check Out
- Conflict Resolution Circles

**TIER 3**
- Mentoring
- Therapy
- Harm Repair Circles
- Crime Victim Advocacy

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**REGULATION**
- PBIS Lessons
- SEL Curriculum
- Prevention Curriculum

**COMPETENCE**
- Core Curriculum/Clubs
- After School Program
- Differentiated Instruction

**HEALTH**
- Universal Free Lunch
- Recess
- Public Health Dept lessons

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**SCHOOL & COMMUNITY RESOURCES**
- Fitness Groups
- Weekend Food Program
- School Food Pantry
2023 STEADY Work Survey Data Attachment

76% of youth stated that they have established meaningful relationships with their peers through the program.

90% of youth stated that they can identify a safe space within their respective communities.

87% of youth stated that they feel more connected to their community.

98% of youth would recommend the STEADY Work program to their peers.
85% of youth state that they can regulate their emotions in a positive way more effectively

90% of youth stated that they are more flexible and more confident in adapting to unexpected situations

87% of youth state they are more resilient

88% of youth stated they have developed effective coping mechanisms
2023 STEADY Work Survey Data Competency

88% state that they have gained important skills through participation in STEADY Work

97% of youth said that they are more likely to take responsibility for their actions and learn from their mistakes

97% of youth said that they are now more confident in their ability to solve problems

85% of youth said that they have improved their communication skills
2023 STEADY Work Survey Data

Health

94% of youth said that they would make safer decisions related to drugs and/or alcohol

99% of youth said that have established new goals and are working towards them

89% of youth stated that they feel more resilient

81% feel that they value education more than before they participated in STEADY Work
Backbone Agency
- Payroll
- Liability
- Workers Comp
- Braiding Funding
- Organizing teams in each community

Community Teams
- Enrolling
- Connecting to employers
- Finding local supports
- Checking in with individual kids
- Operating as a Community Team

WAYNE COUNTY Community Schools

North Rose Wolcott
Community Coordinator
Community Liaison
School Liaison
Tutors & School Supports

Sodus
Community Coordinator
Community Liaison
School Liaison
Tutors & School Supports

Newark
Community Coordinator
Community Liaison
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Programming
- Worksite Supervisors
- Job Coaches
- Community Supports
- Tutors & School Supports
### Who is involved?

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PROGRAM GROWTH

2020 - 41 Youth
2021 - 108 Youth
2022 - 189 Youth
2023 - 410 Youth

(10x increase in four years)
'I just wanted to let you know that we have Adam* scheduled for his 5-hour course. He is purchasing a car with money saved from working for weatherization, which we established as a goal. We paid for his course as a Christmas present. Staff have been taking him driving on their own time, in their own vehicles, and investing in his success. He finally feels like he has the confidence to pass the test.

He’s been one of our hardest workers and really a bright spot for us. I think we have a life-er here, and those are incredibly rare. It’s been really rewarding to see him come out of his shell and although he’s still not a “talker,” he does joke with the rest of the crew now and I think views several of them as family. This week he even found a new crew member and pulled him aside and said “I know what it’s like to be new - but this is a great place to work, and anything you need, you come and find me and I’ll help you.” I almost hugged him right on the spot.

We were at a house in Auburn and there was an uninsulated space under a laundry room floor. The hole to get into the space was 12’x18’. I was on site and determined it was impossible to insulate the space. Sam looked at me and said “It would be a shame to not do everything we could for these people, I think I can fit.” I kid you not, in one spot there was only 8” of clearance. He did it - the whole thing - moving rocks and digging - working on his back and at times even getting stuck - until the job was done. Thanks for finding us a good one.”

Ryan Robbins, Finger Lakes Community Action

*Name changed to protect privacy
Let’s Use The Wheel & Get Rolling!

COALITION FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS:
NYS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NETWORK
THRUWAY COALITION & NYC COALITION
FLX COMMUNITY SCHOOLS & CNY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
ONTARIO COUNTY, WAYNE COUNTY, MONROE COUNTY…. COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS
COMMUNITY SCHOOL BUILDINGS
COMMUNITY SCHOOL CHAMPIONS!!!

You, yes .... you!
Save the Date!

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS COALITION OF MONROE COUNTY

OFFICIAL LAUNCH!
OCTOBER 17, 2024
11 AM-2 PM
PLACE TBD

More details to follow later this summer!
Ontario County Community Schools

Family Counseling Services of the Finger Lakes
Finger Lakes Community College
Hobart Williams Smith
Finger Lakes Area Counseling & Recovery Agency
Wayne County Community Schools
ACTION TIME:

YOU CAN SIGN UP TO FOLLOW ON SOCIAL MEDIA

JOIN THE THRUWAY COALITION & NYS CSN

PLAN TO ATTEND THE ‘CUSE CONVENINGS IN JULY!!

YOU CAN LEARN! CHECK OUT THE ONLINE RESOURCES
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS FORWARD:
ENABLING CONDITIONS & KEY PRACTICES
Gathering the Champions for Readiness and Implementation

JULY 24, 2024
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY SCHINE STUDENT CENTER
200 WAVERLY AVE, SYRACUSE, NY 13210
9 AM - 3:30 PM | NETWORKING TO FOLLOW

The Community Schools Essentials Model provides a unified way for all of us to examine our efforts together. Community School Coordinators, building principals, partners, school staff, families, and youth are invited to examine the Enabling Conditions and Key Practices for Community Schools. Plan to sit at a table with like-minded champions for a day balanced with inspiration, information, discussion, and planning.

REGISTER NOW!
thruwaycoalition.org/events

JULY 25, 2024
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY SCHINE STUDENT CENTER
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9 AM - 3 PM | NETWORKING TO FOLLOW

Join us as we look at the broader context of transformative work. We will provide leadership examples and opportunities for facilitated discussion with other school leaders from around New York State. The day is designed for school building and district leaders to gain insight from examples of leaders at Community Schools, and have an opportunity to work through challenges and opportunities through facilitated discussions led by Syracuse University and the Coalition for Community Schools.

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INITIAL AGENDA
9 AM - Welcome: Dr. Ryan Heath, SU
9:15 AM - Key Note: Dr. JoAnne Ferrara
10:30 AM - Break
10:45 AM - Morning Microbursts of Practice: 15-minute “Ted Talk” style success stories & strategies
12 PM - Networking Lunch
1 PM - National Experts Panel on Enabling Conditions
1:45 PM - Facilitated Discussions: Next Steps
3 PM - Closing Remarks: Dr. Vic Young
3:30 PM - Networking at the Sheraton

Organized by Central NY Community Schools and FLX Community Schools

BEING A COMMUNITY SCHOOLS LEADER
No Transformative Work Happens Without Leadership

OUR SPEAKERS
NELSON KISE
SUPERINTENDENT
ANIBAL SOLER, JR.
SUPERINTENDENT
VIC YOUNG
MANAGING DIRECTOR
VCY STRATEGIC LLC
JOLINE COLLINS
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