

Walworth County School-County Collaboration



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Project Description

- School-justice partnership
 - Collaborate with community stakeholders to improve outcomes for youth
 - Focus on truancy
 - Develop alternatives to exclusionary discipline
 - Collect and track data
- Project start date: March 2023

Population

- Walworth County
 - Rural
 - 84% White, 12% Hispanic, 3% Multi-racial, 1% Black, 1% Asian
- Elkhorn Area School District
 - 3,570 students in district
 - 1,007 students at high school

Project Process

- Elkhorn Area School District reached out to Walworth County
 - School feeling helpless with chronic absenteeism
 - County receiving truancy referrals
- Co-wrote the grant
- Hired Mental Health Navigator
 - Funded by grant and county
 - 3 days in HS; 2 days in other schools in district and HHS

Project Goals



Community Partnerships



Formal Truancy Referrals



Family and student
engagement and skills

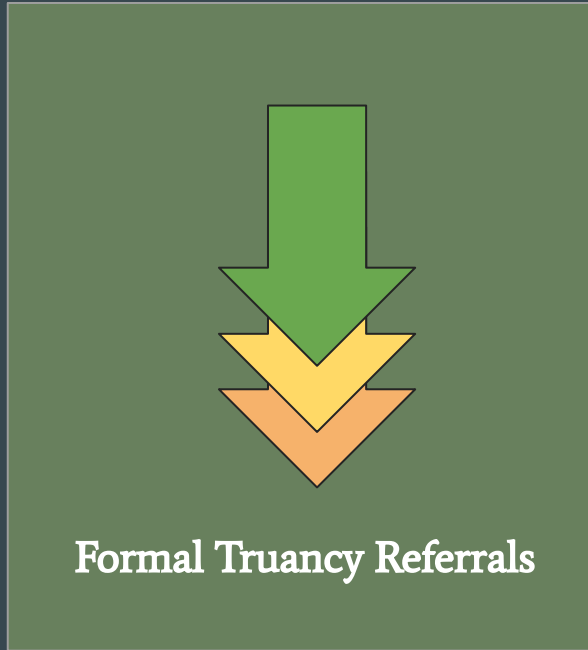
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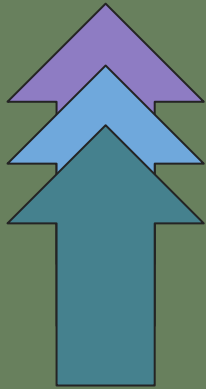
- School-County HHS Bridge
- School-Justice-County partnership
- School county collaborative

Project Goals



- Countywide school education on:
 - The YJ System
 - Truancy v. chronic absenteeism
 - School avoidance
 - Tier 1/2/3 strategies to address attendance
- Prevention: Restorative Practices training paid for by grant

Project Goals



Family and student
engagement and skills

- Increased referrals for services (i.e. CCS, therapy)
- Increased needs-matching for municipal court dispositions
- Increased school/family engagement related to attendance
- Creative alternatives to exclusionary discipline or punitive dispositions
- Active Parenting class developed

Project Data

67

Countywide school
staff and admin
trained in restorative
practices (55 from
EASD)

155

Elkhorn elementary
teachers currently
participating in
Restorative Practices
Training

120

Countywide school
staff trained in
school avoidance

Project Data, cont.

28

Number of
Municipal Court
Referrals for
Navigator Resources

25

of referrals to
community services

79

% improved since
ticket and
community referrals

Project Data, cont.

2

of facilitators
trained for Active
Parenting

7

Parents engaged in
Active Parenting
(so far!)

Other Wins

1. Sense of community
2. A way to engage families who have been resistant
3. Mindful ticketing and considering 'root causes' of truancy

Challenges

1. Slow embrace of restorative practices at secondary level
2. High needs of population
3. School avoidance v. truancy
4. Holding parents accountable when they are identified as a 'root cause'

Resources

- [Attendance Works](#)
- [School Avoidance Alliance](#)
- [Active Parenting](#)
- [Student Services Basic Handouts for School Avoidance](#)
(Created by Kendra to be used as precursor to municipal court involvement)

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