

# Centerpoint Health Clinic

**Norwood City School District**

Norwood, OH | Hamilton County

## Initiative Type(s):

Mental health services; Community liaisons; Physical health care services

## Community Partner(s):

Community-based mental health treatment provider; Public hospital; Children's hospital

## Description of Initiative:

Norwood City School District, in Hamilton County, identified a significant health care access disparity, which was impacting student wellness. To address this disparity, Interact For Health provided the district with a grant and connected leadership with Centerpoint Health, a health center with experience providing school-based health center services. The district used Student Wellness and Success funds to construct a health clinic in the nurse's suite at Norwood High School campus. Students, staff and the larger Norwood community can access high quality health care services at the clinic. In March of 2021, the Centerpoint Health Clinic began offering telehealth services, as well as on-site medical, dental and behavioral health services.

## Initiative Benefits:

This initiative expanded access and availability of health services to the entire district community, which has a large number of families without medical and/or dental insurance. The clinic is not only used for traditional medical, dental and behavioral health services, but also provides public health services like COVID-19 testing, immunizations and sports physicals. The district used Student Wellness and Success Fund dollars to construct an ADA-compliant restroom, install plumbing for two dental chairs, build a lab area and purchase needed tools like an X-ray machine and a vaccine management system. Because of the district's investments in the infrastructure of the health clinic, students who had not had prior access to dental and other services are now receiving necessary treatment. Previously, long wait times, insurance selectivity and inaccessibility prevented families from accessing regular health care services like dental care and annual physicals. Now, families have a local health clinic that accepts their insurance, is convenient and ensures that all patients are able to access their care.

## Essential Staff and Partners:

The success of this project hinged on the collaboration of multiple essential stakeholders, including Wallace Group Dentistry, Interact for Health, Delta Dental, Norwood Board of Education, Deaconess Foundation and district staff on all levels.

## Action Steps to Get Started:

District leadership began the process of establishing this clinic by identifying a service gap within their population that was impacting student wellness. Then, the district worked with partners to develop a plan for construction and operation. Finally, the district used Student Wellness and Success Fund money to purchase equipment and cover some capital costs of this initiative.

## For More Information:

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**NOTE: Student Wellness and Success Funds were used for this initiative.**