

Student Wellness and Community Outreach Coordinator

Bowling Green City Schools**Bowling Green, OH | Wood County****Initiative Type(s):**

Mental health services; Community liaisons; Services for homeless youth; Services for child welfare involved youth; Family engagement and support services; Student services provided prior to or after school

Community Partner(s):

Educational service center; Community-based mental health treatment provider; Nonprofit organization with experience serving children

Description of Initiative:

Bowling Green City Schools hired a district Coordinator of Student Wellness and Community Outreach. The coordinator works with families to ensure they are connected with invaluable community resources and the organizations that can assist with meeting their basic needs. She coordinates and supports initiatives that support community involvement and support for students and families.

Initiative Benefits:

The coordinator organized the food box distribution for at-risk students. This provides food for families in need each week. She also is coordinating with a local mental health organization to provide after-school social/emotional programs and support for students. Additionally, she has created and implemented a Grandparents Raising Grandchildren support group.

Essential Staff and Partners:

Our Coordinator works with district administration and staff (counselors/teachers) to organize services and programs within the schools. She also communicates with and plans with multiple outside organizations to support our students and families.

Action Steps to Get Started:

Prior to implementing this initiative, the district counselor implemented a survey to determine the needs of the district. After assessing the results of the survey it was determined that there was a need to hire a Student Wellness and Community Outreach Coordinator to assist families in the district in making connections with various agencies and support services. The Coordinator continues to plan, create and implement services and programs with input from district staff, families, students and the community.

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