

Ways in Which Our Outreach Coordinator Can Help You:

For Families and Students

- Involve parents, families and students in ongoing focus groups and surveys
- Develop and implement after school and summer programming for youth
- Develop and sustain mentoring programs for students
- Conduct parent workshops in conjunction with community agencies
- Work collaboratively with parent liaisons to help parents feel heard and have their needs met by NCSD

For Community Members and Organizations

- Work with agencies to bring services to students and their families
- Collaborate with community partners to reduce gaps and prevent overlaps of services
- Cooperative plan and conduct educational services for parents and students
- Share appropriate NCSD professional development with community organizations to help better serve students within the community
- Assist in the coordination of community events and services with community partners
- Facilitate a Community Advisory Committee to ensure alignment of services

Teachers and Staff

- Provide technical assistance on research based, effective ways to communicate with students, parents and families from diverse backgrounds
- Work with NCSD's parent liaison to help mediate conversations with family members towards positive and constructive outcomes
- Assist behavioral health staff in conducting highly effective home visitations
- Facilitate in the development and implementation in screening and intervention practices focused on homeless youth
- Coordinate with staff on the development and implementation of after school and summer programming related to the FCEP Program



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Who I Am

As NCSD's Outreach Coordinator I am committed towards helping students, families, community members and staff work together to help all of our students reach their highest potential. I have a background in sociology and human behavior. I have experience working abroad internationally and have helped community development through child advocacy and food cupboards. My interests vary between everything from rugby to dogs. I bring passion to all that I do!

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What is a Family and Community Engagement Program?

Family/Community/School Acting as One

NCSd is devoted towards providing the best supports for our students to ensure that they reach their highest potential. To this end, we have created a program that contains a variety of initiatives designed to connect families, community and our schools to help all of our students. It is a creative program, funded by a NYS FCEP Grant that runs between September 1, 2016 and August 31, 2020

Think, Different

Our FCE Program takes many different forms. It builds upon things we are already doing in our school district and makes them better. It also takes on some areas where we know we can do a better job. Examples of

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Examples of initiatives our program is currently focused on right now are:

- Youth Advocacy services for young children
- Parent and Student Focus Groups to provide input
- An active peer mentoring program that connects HS students to younger youth
- Developing systems to help families and youth who are experiencing homelessness
- Connecting teens to senior citizens at the Demay Living Center
- Developing an Internship/Workshadow Program at the HS
- Supporting each building to develop plans that implement Steven Covey’s 7 Habits of Highly Effective People
- Creating after school and summer programming for youth that focuses on enrichment



This is not a full list. There are many other initiatives related to or that are supported by our grant, including developing parent education programs, boosting pre-school services for family members and helping our school system become more responsive to a wider and more diverse set of parents and families. To achieve positive results, we need to think creatively and remain open-minded. This is the main focus of our program. We are committed to listening to community members, families and staff, so we can discover new ways to work together towards helping our students.

What is an Outreach Coordinator?

Our program is diverse and has many initiatives built into it. For any of these to be successful they require organization, coordination and oversight by NCSd’s Outreach Coordinator. Our Outreach Coordinator ensures that each initiative is focused on its goals and is working in alignment with other initiatives and our school district’s current Strategic Plans.