

Meeting summary

Recap

The meeting focused on the work of the Community Schools Coalition and its action plan to support youth, families, and schools in Wayne County. Diane and Casey led the group through introductions where participants shared key elements they believed were essential for youth thriving, such as relationships, hope, flexibility, and belonging. The group reviewed the coalition's action plan document, which was structured around the ARCH model and included indicators and process measures to track progress. Participants discussed aligning coalition goals with school district strategic plans and brainstormed community events and activities in breakout rooms based on the areas of attachment, regulation, competency, and health. David provided updates on membership, Zoom link access, and the need for school districts to update their information in the Community Schools Resource Guide. Several members shared information about existing programs and events, such as Empower Me for 10th grade girls and Find Your Future Fridays, emphasizing the importance of collaboration and leveraging existing resources rather than creating new ones. The conversation ended with reminders about the purpose of the coalition as a hub for collective impact and collaboration.

Next steps

David

- Add a direct link to the Community Schools Resource Guide on the Community Schools Coalition page of the website.
- Reach out to the 7 school districts that have not responded with updates for the Community Schools Resource Guide.

Diane

- Share the flyer for Petraea Rae's "Find Your Future Fridays" initiative with all attendees.

Jay

- Provide more details about the Community Schools Rally event on October 22nd.

Collaboration

- All attendees: Populate the shared action plan document with existing activities and programs that align with the coalition's goals. This is the link to the Action Plan: [Copy of Partnership Document - Google Docs](#) scroll to the Community Schools tab

- All attendees: Connect the coalition's action plan goals to their own school district or organizational strategic plans.
- All attendees: Update their respective pages in the Community Schools Resource Guide with any missing resources or programs.

Summary

Youth Thriving Support Strategies

The meeting began with introductions where participants shared their names, agencies, key elements essential for youth thriving, and passed the conversation to the next person. Common themes that emerged included the importance of relationships, hope, community resources, partnerships, collaboration, and patience. Participants emphasized the role of adult relationships, community connections, and advocacy in supporting youth thriving, with several highlighting the need for flexibility, resiliency, and caring in their work.

Community Schools Coalition Planning

The meeting focused on the Community Schools Coalition's strategic planning and action plan development. Casey explained that the coalition aims to connect resources and support to school districts by aligning their goals with existing strategic plans, and requested participants to identify needs that align with coalition objectives. Diane shared a working document containing indicators based on the ARCH model (attachment, regulation, competency, and health), including measures such as community events and youth outcomes. The group decided to break into smaller rooms to discuss specific areas, with two groups focusing on attachment and regulation, and two on competency and health.

Committee Updates and Initiatives

EmpowerMe, an annual one-day event for 10th grade girls hosted by WC Community Schools on October 20th at BOCES. Jill explained that the EmpowerMe event was created to address high rates of emotional issues, suicide ideation, and depression among 10th grade girls as reported from the EYS by bringing together community agencies and partners to promote well-being and attachment.

Casey emphasized that the goal of the Coalition is not to add new initiatives but to work together more effectively to improve existing family support activities.

David discussed committee membership and meeting access, noting issues with truncated links on the partnership website. He requested updates to the community

schools resource guide from districts that haven't responded, emphasizing the need to include all available resources at each school.

Petrea.Rae announced a new "Find Your Future Fridays" initiative offering field trips to local businesses, colleges, and training programs, which is open to all students including special education students.

Jay emphasized the importance of documenting existing programs like Cougar Ops rather than creating new initiatives

The next meeting will be held in person at Finger Lakes Community College on October 8th from 9 to 10:30.