



About the Creators

The Coalition for Community Schools (CCS) at the Institute for Educational Leadership is an alliance of national, state and local organizations in education K-16, youth development, community planning and development, family support, health and human services, government and philanthropy as well as national, state, and local community school networks. CCS advocates for community schools as the vehicle for strengthening schools, families, and communities so that together they can improve student learning.

The John W. Gardner Center for Youth and Their Communities at Stanford University (JGC) partners with communities to research, develop, and disseminate effective practices and models for developing well -rounded young people. By bringing together community leaders and sharing new knowledge, JGC supports them in implementing quality programs for and with their young people. As such, they are better equipped to improve and continually renew their communities. JGC works closely with schools across the Bay Area implementing a community school approach to achieve community-wide goals.

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- CCS Evaluation Advisory Team – Comprised of evaluators and funders, this group convened three times during the creation of the toolkit to offer resources and feedback on the content of the toolkit. In addition, several members of this group provided guidance around specific areas of expertise. You will notice citations of surveys and research contributed by these experts throughout the toolkit.
- San Mateo County Community Schools Focus Group – For over six years JGC has collaborated with local community schools to deepen and expand an integrated and comprehensive service model. JGC has worked most closely with four schools in Redwood City School District and Cunha Middle School in Half Moon Bay. In April 2009, JGC facilitated a focus group to seek the expertise of local leaders in this work and to incorporate lessons learned from their experience into the toolkit.