Agenda

• What is a community school, how is it different?

• Planning to plan - preparing for implementation (SY 17-18)

• Getting started - what a community school does

• Q/A, tools and resources
About the Coalition for Community Schools

• Established in 1997
• House at the Institute for Educational Leadership
• Alliance of over 200 national, state and local organizations
• Our partners span the sectors of 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
Many partners, one vision
Coalition Vision and Mission

• **Shared Vision:** Schools are centers of flourishing communities where everyone belongs, works together, and thrives.

• **Mission:** To unite school, community and family for young people’s success.
What is a Community School?
A Strategy, Not a Program

A strategy for organizing the resources of the school and community around student success...

Pat Harvey, Former Superintendent
St. Paul Public Schools
What is a Community School?

A community school is both a place and a set of partnerships between the school and other community resources. Its integrated focus on academics, services, supports and opportunities leads to improved student learning, stronger families and healthier communities.

Coalition for Community Schools
CAS Developmental Triangle

CORE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Community

Family

Child

COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT SERVICES
Several well-known models:

- Beacons
- Bridges to Success
- Children’s Aid Society Community Schools
- Communities in Schools
- Healthy Start
- Polk Brothers Full-Service Schools
- Schools of the 21\textsuperscript{st} Century (Yale)
- University-Assisted Community Schools
Underlying Research Base

- **Making the Most of Non-School Time**
  - Reginald Clark
  - Milbrey McLaughlin
  - Deborah Vandell

- **Whole Child Approach/ Application of Developmental Knowledge**
  - Jacquelynne Eccles
  - James Comer

- **Parents’ Active Role**
  - Epstein (six types)
  - Henderson and Mapp

- **School Improvement**
  - Anthony Bryk *et al.*

- **Health-Learning Links**
  - Charles Basch

- **Consistent Adult Guidance & Support**
  - Werner/Benard
  - Fritz Ianni
What Makes a Community School Different from a Traditional School?
Strategic Elements

- Full-Time Community School Director
- Systematic Needs Assessment
- Strategic Partnerships (Aligned with Needs Assessment and Coordinated w/ Each Other)
- Integration of SOS with Core Instruction
- Site-Based Governance w/ Partners Integrated
- Data-Driven Decision Making w/ Shared Accountability for Results
Typical Program Components

- After-School and Summer Enrichment
- Parent/Family Engagement
- Adult Education
- Medical, Dental, Mental Health and Social Services
- Early Childhood
- Community and Economic Development
For More Information:

- www.childrensaidssociety.org
- www.nationalcenterforcommunityschools.org

Prework

The work before the work...
Ground the Work in Data

- Needs assessments
- Readiness Assessments
- Meetings, focus groups, interviews
- Assets Mapping

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Widen and Deepen the Scope

- Research
- Visits
- Connect to Networks
Collaborate with a variety of partners
Gain buy in
Build trust
Develop champions
Communicate effectively
Make a Comprehensive Plan

- Use the data/research to co-create and document short, medium, long range goals
- Share leadership, successes and accountability
- Maintain focus on strong core collaborative relationships
- Create and institutionalize your plan
GETTING STARTED
Needs & Asset Assessments

- Existing Resources, Programs and Services
- Needs / Gaps
- Used to drive all programming
Define
- Short-term
- Long-term

Use at all levels
Alignment

- School Improvement Plan
- Existing school structures, services, and processes
Site Coordinator

- Titles
- Role and function
- Right fit
Site Leadership Team

- Purpose
- Participants
Questions & Answers
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http://www.communityschools.org/resources/how_to_start_a_community_school1.aspx