

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS INITIATIVE



COMMUNITY SCHOOLS COLLABORATION (CSC)

16 Community Schools across xxx Districts

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SOUTH KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

PARTNERSHIPS

- ◆ City of Tukwila
- ◆ Tukwila School District
- ◆ OTHER CITIES?
- ◆ OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS?
- ◆ Casey Foundation Family Programs
- ◆ Puget Sound Educational Service District (PSESD)
- ◆ Washington State Department of Children and Families
- ◆ Child Care Resources
- ◆ Children's Hospital
- ◆ City of SeaTac
- ◆ Educare
- ◆ King County Parks & Recreation
- ◆ Schools Out Washington
- ◆ Southwest Youth and Family Services
- ◆ TechStart
- ◆ YMCA

RESULTS

- ◆ CSC served over 2,000 students during the 2009-2010 school year.
- ◆ Teachers reported that 71.6% of CSC students improved class participation and that 62% increased their motivation to learn.
- ◆ Teachers reported that 74.8% of CSC students improved their academic performance.

BACKGROUND

Community Schools Collaboration (CSC) is a non-profit organization that helps to create the conditions where all students can learn and thrive. In 1998, CSC started when leaders began looking for a way to address dropout and out-of-home placements using a community approach. They chose to focus their efforts in Tukwila, outside of Seattle, WA. Tukwila is one of the most diverse school districts in the country including 1,500 refugee and immigrant youth who speak over 70 languages.

CSC utilize the nationally recognized, research-based "full-service community schools" model, combining direct services with strong partnerships with families, cities, school districts, and other community-based organizations. Their mission is to engage and collaborate with schools and community partners using culturally competent strategies to support child, youth, and family success.

LEADERSHIP

CSC's collaboration with cities, school districts and other community-based organizations enhance CSC's direct services, and ensure the most robust conditions for student learning and development.

Community Schools Collaboration (CSC) began in Tukwila as a collaborative partnership between Casey Family Programs, the Puget Sound Educational Service District (PSESD), the Tukwila School District, the City of Tukwila and the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services' Children's Administration. The equally shared voice of the five partner agencies represented a groundbreaking effort in public-private partnership and demonstrated one method for developing true community-based programming.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

CSC and individual community schools provide services such as:

- Academic Support** builds on learning during the school day, and helps students from K to 12 develop their skills and reach their academic goals.
- Expanded Learning Activities** provide abundant opportunities for after-school enrichment, recreation, peer support and leadership.
- Health Services** connect students and families to health care and promotes healthy live choices, so that students enter the classroom ready to learn.
- Transition Support** helps students stay in school with support during crucial transitions between elementary, middle and high school.
- College Readiness** assists students to set high standards and access post-graduation opportunities.
- Access to Services** links parents to social services, ESL classes, literacy classes, and employment services which help them stabilize their lives and build stronger futures.
- Parent Leadership** facilitates parent engagement with the schools, and provides ongoing opportunities to take leadership roles in the community.
- Bilingual/Bicultural Support** in 5 languages provides translation and assistance at school meetings and activities to ensure that schools are accessible to all families.
- Coordination with Teachers** helps identify students who need extra support, and fosters mutual respect and collaboration with families.
- Partnerships** help bring new resources to under-served communities, and help young people expand their personal goals and networks.
- Advocacy and Technical Assistance** contribute to a regional and national movement to build full-service community schools that transform communities and create pathways of opportunity for all students.

