

Prevention, Intervention and Postvention: Creating Suicide Safety in Wayne County Schools

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This section will provide *a focus on collaboration with county agencies, data to inform practices and coordination of resources.*

Learning Objective for this section: **Identify challenges and solutions in coordinating supports across service sectors.**

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About Wayne County, NY

- ❖ Overall population approx. 93,772 scattered over 604 square miles
- ❖ About 14,000 school age students in 11 Wayne County School Districts and 31 school buildings throughout the County
- ❖ Childhood poverty has nearly doubled since 2000
- ❖ 51% of our students receive free/reduced lunch; up to 75% in some schools
- ❖ Graduation rate is 86% overall, but lower for students of color and the economically disadvantaged
- ❖ Youth risk factors include exposure to acute trauma from domestic violence, sexual abuse, addiction and family dysfunction and the chronic stress of rural poverty



Evolution of Community Schools Timeline

2012- Wayne County Partnership for Strengthening Families begins

2014- School Climate Transformation Grant funding funded four districts to develop a Multi-Tiered System of Supports; all 11 Wayne Co School Districts now participate in this work

2015- NYS designated schools to be “Community Schools”

2016- Catholic Charities of Wayne County was awarded a five year grant for \$1.5 Million that has installed evidence based programs for 12th graders across all 11 School Districts



Evolution of Community Schools Timeline (cont'd)

2016- Wayne County Suicide Prevention Coalition is launched by the Dept. of Mental Health

2017- All 11 School Districts now have a Delphi Rise prevention educator funded by OASAS

2017- All 11 School Districts participated in the Evalumetrics Youth Survey data collection and multiple districts are using the same data sets to examine community problems

2017- Dept. of Mental Health & Public Health called on all school districts to install Life Skills at 6th grade; LST is in place among all 11 School Districts

2018 - Department of Mental Health Satellite offices now in every school district



Building a Community School setting as defined as “both a place and a set of partnerships”

Wayne County Partnership for Strengthening Families

County Department Of Mental Health
School Satellite Clinics, Outpatient treatment,
Early Identification Recognition Program, and Open Access Center

Suicide Prevention Coalition

MHFA/YMHFA trainings:
Grant funding - Over 1000 trained

Delphi Rise: Prevention Educators & Counselors

Youth Supported Events: Youth Leadership
Forum, Career Carnival, My Brother's Keeper

Catholic Charities:
Play therapy in schools

Family Counseling Services of Finger Lakes:
Trauma Informed

Wayne County Youth Dept: FACT

Common Data Collection: Evalumetrics Youth Survey given to students (gr. 6, 8, 10, 12) in 2017 in all 11 school districts. Data provides both prevalence rates for use of substances and root cause data based on research by Hawkins & Catalano.

Obstacles are merely opportunities in disguise

Faced funding shortage during recession

Opportunity to work collective seeking ways to sustain work collaboratively

Some points to consider

- What are some unique characteristics about your community?
 - What are some ways your community has been creative to move beyond obstacles?
 - What do you need to realize a shared vision for your community?



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