

# Dodge County Connections: Safe Schools/Healthy Students (SS/HS)

GOALS

## Element 1 Safe Schools & Violence

*Increase safety and security in all school buildings & reduce school & student violence*

## Element 2 Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drug Use

*Prevent & Reduce ATOD use*

## Element 3 Student Behavioral, Social & Emotional Supports

*Promote academic & social success; foster positive relationships; & increase community involvement*

## Element 4 Mental Health Services

*Increase school-based mental health services & improve mental well-being of all students*

## Element 5 E. Childhood Social & Emotional Learning

*Improve early childhood psychosocial, emotional development & school readiness*

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- \* Reduce level of violence and crime in schools
- \* Increase student safety & security in all buildings
- \* Increase school and project Staff ability to deal with crisis

- \* Decrease alcohol, tobacco and other drug use
- \* Delay initiation of use
- \* Increase disapproval & perception of risk & harm
- \* Increase # students connected to their school or community

- \* Increase academic & social success of youth (Reduce truancy, suspensions, expulsions)
- \* Increase youth connection to their families and school
- \* Increase community involvement by youth
- \* Increase graduation rates

- \* Increase ability to provide mental health services for students & their families
- \* Increase student mental health referrals to community services
- \* Improve ability of school districts to address mental health needs via Wraparound services.
- \* Decrease thoughts, plans and attempted suicide
- \* Increase ability of staff to identify mental health warning signs & make referrals

- \* Increase participation of at-risk children in services
- \* Increase recognition of warning signs & make referrals. (EC Teachers and Child Care Providers)
- \* Increase school readiness
- \* Increase school / community collaboration
- \* Increase parent knowledge of parenting skills & community referral services
- \* Model family relationships & reduce conflicts via FAST program

ACTIVITIES

1. Implement School Ambassadors.
2. Implement Peaceful Playgrounds.
3. Expand Restorative Justice practices.
4. Update security equipment.
5. Expand Police Liaison / training from Law Enforcement.
6. Training in crisis planning, disaster management & trauma debriefing.
7. Crisis Assessment Teams meet monthly.
8. Update school safety plans.
9. Create detention centers or alternative Ed programs.

1. Training in evidence-based AODA prevention programs.
2. Implement Student Assistance Program.
3. Hire AODA Coordinator .
4. Incorporate a social norms campaign within schools.
5. Implement a smoking cessation class.
6. Hire a "traveling mental health clinic" to offer services to families & students & facilitate groups.
7. Offer Positive Youth Development alternative activities program.

1. Implement & expand After School Programs with tutoring, homework help & evidence-based academic intervention programs. Expand staff.
2. Formal Freshman Transition & other orientation services / activities.
3. Train staff in TRIBES.
4. Increase & expand English literacy classes & other asset building activities via After School program.
5. Families and Schools Together (FAST) program.
6. Alternative Education. Expand staff.

1. Traveling Mental Health Clinic (Mobile Response Team), Hire: 3 InHome Counselors (1 will be Bi-Lingual) & purchase Psychiatrist time. Includes AODA Coord.
2. Referral to Wraparound services. Hire 4 Service Coordinators.
3. Social Norms / marketing campaign to inform public about MH/AODA & reduce stigma.
4. Implement Suicide Prevention Ed and Screening Program.
5. Continue annual trainings for school staff, community, parents & youth [build on current Mental Health Grant activities].

1. Develop Early Learning Coordination Teams (ELCT).
2. Community Early Learning Professional Development Plan to schedule trainings based on needs.
3. Bimonthly DC CARES Parent Education Events
4. FAST Program.
5. Home visits for at-risk families.