



Safe Schools Healthy Students

ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH YEAR 3 OF THE SOUTHWEST INDIANA SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE SAFE SCHOOLS HEALTHY STUDENTS INITIATIVE

WHAT IS THE SISCC?

A TRI-COUNTY COLLABORATION

among Gibson, Posey, and Warrick Counties to implement a four-year federal grant known as Safe Schools Healthy Students initiative. The SISCC is governed by the Core Management Team (CMT) comprised of all seven school districts, Catholic Diocese of Evansville schools located in the three counties, local law enforcement agencies, county juvenile probation, and a mental health provider.



WITH DATA DRIVEN GOALS AND MEASUREMENTS

for identifying needs and reporting outcomes as measured by student and school staff surveys, and individualized and overall program evaluation measures.



TO INITIATE SUSTAINABLE CHANGE

across the four systems (school, law enforcement, juvenile justice, and mental health) to combine efforts and work together throughout the communities to improve the delivery of services to meet the needs of students and families.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY ELEMENT

Element 1: Safe School Environments and Violence Prevention Activities



- As of Spring 2011, **38%** of identified school safety audit options have been **fully implemented** with an additional 21% in-progress.
- Partially funded three School Resource Officer (SRO) programs in Gibson and Warrick County schools and identified additional funding through the Safe Haven grant. SROs spent **6,464 hours** in the schools during the school year.
- **Decreased** the number of 6th to 12th grade students involved in a **physical fight** on school property by **22.6%** from Spring 2009 to Spring 2011.

Element 2: Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drug (ATOD) Prevention and Early Intervention

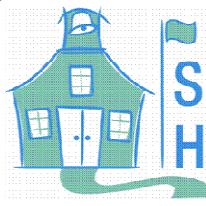
- Funded **9 Strengthening Families** programs serving **58 families**. This is an evidence based program to empower parents to interact positively with their children.
- Continued Most of Us[®], a research based campaign to reduce teen alcohol use by reducing teens' misperceptions. Student survey results show a **3% decrease** in alcohol use from Spring 2009 to Spring 2010.
- Provided **5 Youth First Prevention Programs** to reduce ATOD use and improve school performance.



SISCC

Southwest Indiana Schools and Community Collaborative

SISCC is part of the Federal Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative, a collaboration of the U.S. Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, and Justice to address rising concerns about youth violence, substance abuse, and school safety through grants to local community partnerships throughout the country.



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Element 3: Student Behavioral, Social, and Emotional Supports

- Contracted with Youth First, Inc. for **nine Masters-level, school social workers** to provide prevention based one-on-one and group sessions to help meet the needs of students and families in **22 schools**.
- Provided Character Counts materials and promotions throughout **19 schools** in New Harmony, Warrick County, North Gibson, and East Gibson school districts.
- Sponsored 90 teachers/staff for workshops in 2010/2011 on managing classroom behavior and interventions.
- Implemented **19 Why Try programs** and **5 Reconnecting Youth programs** aimed at reducing problem behaviors and engaging students in school.

Element 4: School-based Mental Health Services



- Contracted with Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare for **three full time, county-dedicated mental health case managers** to link students and their families to mental health services in the community.
- More than **60%** of community based mental health referrals were **successfully engaged** during 2010/11.
- **More than 6 times** as many students (144 to 874) received school-based mental health services in 2010/2011 as compared to 2008/2009.

Element 5: Early Childhood Social and Emotional Programs

- Piloted the **Kindergarten Readiness Checklist (KRC)** with 13 early child care providers in 2009 and expanded the number of child care providers to 33 centers in 2011.
- Teachers were provided completed KRC's for **445 students entering Kindergarten** in August 2011. This is more than double the number of Kindergarten checklists from just two years prior.
- Purchased Ages & Stages Social/Emotional screening kits for 4C of Southern Indiana. These kits will be used in area preschool programs to assess when early intervention services may be needed.



FUTURE PLANS

- ⇒ Continue school social work and mental health case management services and develop sustainability plans for school districts
- ⇒ Further the purchasing and installation of identified school safety and security equipment
- ⇒ Identify additional funding for the School Resource Officer programs and School Social Work services
- ⇒ Utilize the Kindergarten Readiness Checklists to identify gaps and needs for children entering Kindergarten and partner with early childcare centers to meet those needs
- ⇒ Provide message development for a strong and effective social norms campaign
- ⇒ Create communication strategies to report needs, gaps, actions, and outcomes which support the effective services and programs of the SSSH initiative

BUDGET & EXPENDITURES

Year 1 Budget (07/01/08 to 06/30/09) = \$1,414,828
 Total Year 1 Expenditures = \$183,408 or 13% **

Year 2 Budget (07/01/09 to 06/30/10) = \$1,478,868
 Total Year 2 Expenditures = \$1,357,194 or 92%

Year 3 Budget (07/01/10 to 06/30/11) = \$1,478,381
 Total Year 3 Expenditures = \$1,348,469 or 91%

**Non-expended funds are due to anticipated and customary start-up delays of the project. They will be used primarily as carryover funds in a possible Year 5 no-cost extension to complete the scope of grant activities, goals, and objectives.