



Safe Schools Healthy Students



ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH YEAR 2 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 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

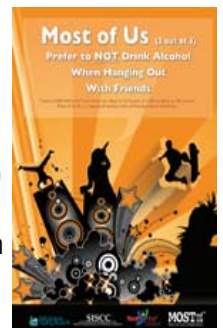
- Completed school safety audits resulting in individualized school needs and priority assessments with 30% of the identified options implemented, purchased and/or installed in 2009/10.



- Funded three School Resource Officer (SRO) programs in Gibson and Warrick County schools and increased law enforcement presence in Mt. Vernon's schools. School Resource Officers spent 6,317.5 hours in the schools during the 2009/10 school year.
- Decreased the number of 6th to 12th grade students involved in a physical fight on school property by 9.5% from Spring 2009 to Spring 2010.

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

- Funded Strengthening Families programs serving 54 families. This is an evidence based program to empower parents to interact positively with their children.
- Sponsored a combined total of eight training workshops for Strengthening Families resulting in 52 teachers, staff, and/or community members becoming eligible program facilitators.
- Kicked off Most of Us[®] in Spring 2010 with 4,855 students completing the social norms survey. This is a research based campaign to reduce teen alcohol use by reducing teens' misperceptions.



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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 12 schools in New Harmony, Warrick County, and East Gibson school districts.
- Hosted an "Intro to Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports" (PBIS) presentation for school principals and CMT members.
- Implemented three Why Try programs and two 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 five times as many students (139 to 726) received school-based mental health services in 2009/10 school year as compared to the previous school year.
- More than 60% of community based mental health referrals were successfully engaged during 2009/2010. This was a 50% increase over the previous year's mental health referrals.

Element 5: Early Childhood Social and Emotional Programs

- Piloted the Kindergarten Readiness Checklist with 13 early child care providers in 2009 and expanded the number of child care providers to 26 centers in 2010.
- Provided Kindergarten teachers with completed Kindergarten Readiness Checklists for 206 students entering Kindergarten in August 2009 and for 337 students in August 2010.



- Purchased Organ Wise Guys curriculum for 4C of Southern Indiana to loan to area preschool programs to increase children's awareness of healthy eating and physical activity.

FUTURE PLANS

- ⇒ Continue school social work and mental health case management services
- ⇒ Further the purchasing and installation of identified school safety and security equipment
- ⇒ Identify additional funding for the School Resource Officer programs
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ Assist schools in developing an evidence based plan for improving discipline and behavior within their schools
- ⇒ 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%

**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.

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