

# Oyler Community Learning Center

**Cincinnati Public**

**Cincinnati, OH Hamilton County**

## Initiative Type(s):

Mental health services, Community liaisons, Physical health care services, Mentoring programs, Family engagement and support services

## Community Partner(s):

Community-based mental health treatment provider, A board of health of a city or general health district, Nonprofit organization with experience serving children

## Description of Initiative:

Oyler School is a community learning center. This means we engage with multiple partners to create a whole-child approach to education. These partners address physical health, mental health, behavioral health, after-school programs, tutoring programs, early childhood education, college access, job and career readiness, food insecurities, behavioral health, clothing needs and more. These needs were identified through a lengthy community engagement process. All partners meet monthly to address student needs. As a result of these partnerships, we have a school-based health center in our building that offers medical, dental and vision care to our students. This school-based health center has had a significant impact on the health of our students and families.

## Initiative Benefits:

We know students must be healthy to be educated. Ninety-four percent of our families have given consent for their students to be seen at the school-based health center — the highest percentage in the district. Our immunization compliance rate also is one of the highest in the district at 98%. Nearly all our students get annual well-child checks. Every single student in the school receives a comprehensive vision exam every year, regardless of their ability to pay — and we have found many, many instances of students who pass the vision screening yet fail the comprehensive exam. These are students who would not be able to see in the classroom. Before our dental center opened, more than 75% of students had serious dental disease and/or multiple cavities. As of this year, 77% of Oyler students are cavity free. The school-based health center at Oyler serves as the medical home for many of our students and families. Without these services being offered at the school, many students would be unable to keep their chronic health conditions (such as asthma and diabetes) under control and most often would end up in the emergency room.

## Essential Staff and Partners:

The lead agency for our services is the Community Learning Center Institute, which also employs the resource coordinator who oversees and coordinates all services. In addition, the following are essential partners for our services: St. Aloysius Children – mental health; Delta Dental Clinic at Oyler School – Cincinnati Health Department dental clinic; Oyler Clinic – Cincinnati Health Department medical clinic; OneSight Vision Center at Oyler School – Cincinnati Health Department vision center; Interact for Health – Funding partner; Beech Acres Parenting Center – Helps connect Oyler students and their parents to all health services (mental health, medical, dental and vision) and addresses family stability; FreeStore FoodBank – Power Pack Program; FreeStore FoodBank – Oyler Choice Pantry; Santa Maria Community Services – Connects middle school students to social-emotional learning, as well as peer mentoring. Also works with the resource coordinator to connect families to all health services (mental health, medical, dental and vision); Grad Cincinnati – Helps connect high school students to all health services (mental health, medical, dental and vision) and oversees high school health internships; Learning Grove – Helps connect children birth-5 years old to all health services (mental health, medical dental and vision); Jobs For Cincinnati Graduates – Helps connect high school students to all health services (mental health, medical, dental and vision) and oversees high school health internships.

## Action Steps to Get Started:

Through community engagement, Oyler School recognized health needs among its students and their families, and worked with the Cincinnati Health Department and Interact for Health to establish the original school-based health center, known as the Oyler Clinic.

## For More Information:

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