

School-Based Health Center

Ripley Union Lewis Huntington Local Ripley, OH Brown County

Initiative Type(s):

Physical health care services

Community Partner(s):

Other - Medical Provider

Description of Initiative:

The school-based health center will be located in the elementary school. Telehealth will be available at the middle and high schools. If necessary, the school will provide transportation for students to the school-based health center during the school day. The school-based health center will be open to the public. Most importantly, it will provide health care services to students, staff and teachers. We hope providing these services will lead to an improvement in students, teachers and staff members' wellness and decrease absenteeism in our school district.

Initiative Benefits:

The school-based health center will meet the basic medical needs of our students, staff and teachers. Consequently, we expect to see the attendance of all stakeholders improve. Academic performance also should improve as students' medical needs are met.

Essential Staff and Partners:

Primary Plus Medical Provider (Maysville, Kentucky)

Action Steps to Get Started:

The superintendent began inquiring about a school-based health center for the district in the summer of 2017. He continued to meet with Health Source Ohio and Interact for Health (the grant provider) in the following years. His persistence resulted in removal of roadblocks regarding service area, and Ripley Union Lewis Huntington Local School District ultimately has been able to collaborate with Primary Plus (of Maysville, Kentucky) on the school-based health center. Multiple meetings with Primary Plus, Interact for Health and Trace Creek Construction will lead to renovations on an existing space that will become the health center will begin in the next few months.

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NOTE: Student Wellness and Success Funds were used for this initiative.