

Rock Hill Wellness and Success Plan

Rock Hill Local

Ironton, OH Lawrence County

Initiative Type(s):

Mental health services, Physical health care services, Professional development regarding the provision of trauma-informed care, Student services provided prior to or after the regularly scheduled school day or any time school is not in

Community Partner(s):

Educational service center, Community-based mental health treatment provider, Nonprofit organization with experience serving children

Description of Initiative:

Rock Hill Local School District has partnered with the Ironton-Lawrence County Community Action Organization, which runs the Family Medical Centers of Lawrence County, to build a school-based health center on the school campus. Rock Hill has three school buildings and a school board office, all located on one campus. Using Student Wellness and Success Funds, we plan to renovate part of the school board office to use for the center, which also will serve the community.

Initiative Benefits:

The Ironton-Lawrence County Community Action Organization is a Federally Qualified Health Center dedicated to serving all patients, regardless of their ability to pay. The Rock Hill School-Based Health Center will be open full time, providing primary, mental and preventative dental health care services in a safe, convenient location for students, staff, families and the community at large. We plan to offer vision services in the future. Lawrence County is a designated Low-Income Health Professional Shortage Area by the Health Resources and Services Administration. With area shortages in primary care, mental health and dental health professionals, the Rock Hill School-Based Health Center will provide much-needed access to care for the district's nearly 1,500 students, over half of which are enrolled in Medicaid, and the community.

Essential Staff and Partners:

Essential partners include our district personnel, the local board of education, and Ironton-Lawrence Community Action Organization and Family Medical Centers. All were involved in supporting the initiative and getting the work off the ground. Essential staff in this work are those working in the medical center, including a full-time nurse practitioner, office specialist, licensed practical nurse, dental hygienist and full-time licensed social worker.

Action Steps to Get Started:

Ohio School-Based Health Care Network meetings, State Support Team 15 School-Based Health Care Cohort meetings and local board of education meetings were crucial to the start of this work. Planning sessions with our architect, community action organization staff and Rock Hill administrative staff have been crucial to the building renovation stage of the work. We hope to begin renovating the space in early 2020.

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