Fort Frye Wellness Plan

Fort Frye Local | Beverly, OH Washington County

**Initiative Type(s):**
Mental health services

**Community Partner(s):**
Board of alcohol drug and mental health services, Community-based mental treatment provider, A board of health of a city or general health district

**Description of Initiative:**
Fort Frye Local Schools has many programs in place to promote our student wellness goal of healthy minds, healthy bodies and healthy relationships. In particular, Student Success funds have helped support our mental health services, which include on-site services for counseling from two different mental health agencies, as well as therapeutic behavior supports for home-to-school care.

**Initiative Benefits:**
In previous years, we used the Signs of Suicide program to educate and screen students for mental health risks. With our current mental health services, the number of students being flagged for imminent risks already has decreased, as we are able to address students’ mental health issues more effectively and aggressively. Students do not have to wait four to six weeks to access initial mental health services. These services are receiving positive feedback from families, students and staff.

**Essential Staff and Partners:**
Essential partners in the mental health portion of our wellness plan include Life and Purposes Behavioral Health, Inc., Hopewell, Inc., and the Washington County Mental Health Board. Overall, the Washington County Health Department has been a wonderful partner in our wellness efforts.

**Action Steps to Get Started:**

**For More Information:**
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**NOTE:** Student Wellness and Success Funds were used for this initiative.