

CS-TAC Coffee Hour Notes 4-22-20



Thank you all for joining us at this week's CS-TAC Virtual Coffee Hour. Below you will find a recap of shared practices, resources, and future topics discussed. Thank you to all who shared their amazing work with us this week!

Practices Shared

Rome CSD & Rome Alliance for Education/Connected Community Schools

- Focusing on provision of basic needs, school based food pantry access & distribution, coordination of delivery of food & hygiene supports, operating grab & go sites
- LINK referral system:
 - Referral form (Google) for school district admin, school counselors & school psychologists to refer students/families for various needs
 - Referral reviewed by project director and family connected with LINK coordinators once verbal permission granted from family
 - LINK coordinators serve as community resource experts and conduct direct family outreach
 - Stay connected until needs met and/or connected with home health case manager if appropriate
 - Communication/progress monitoring maintained back to school district through shared Google document, 1/school building, access only to those who can refer
 - LINK team meetings with school building teams 1x/month
 - MOA between district & Connected Community Schools that allows sharing of referral, LINK access to SMS, no PPI shared

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Fulton City School District:

- Focused on providing food & basic needs
- Partnering with Catholic Charities for expanded food distribution
- SST teams in district reaching out to families as Tier II/III if student/family needs uncovered
- Established previous partnerships proving helpful as collaboration with community & county agencies continues
- Kami created a shared document of services for social workers (cheat sheet of available services/food distribution, etc.)
- Using Facebook for communications
- Careful to monitor contacts and conversations so multiple staff aren't asking the same questions to families repeatedly!

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Best Self Behavioral Health, Niagara County:

- Noting uptick in team communications as they stay in touch between districts
- Regional Network providing daily updates to keep resources/trainings all in one place
- Virtual grandparent cafes running
- Began Middle School/High school Virtual drop-in times, highly successful and well attended
- Creating virtual family support meetings to offer S/E support to adults
- Continue to navigate barriers to food distribution/delivery
- Internet access: continues to be difficult for some families who may not have infrastructure in their communities

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Cassadaga Valley Central School District:

- Outreach to families for food delivery -p/u moved to identified days to cut down on pick up and provide multiple days worth of supplies
- Using food pickup times to distribute other supplies, tech hardware, medication-using a shared Google doc to track contacts
- Very large sq. mile district-creation of new bus routes to provide seamless contact to families & ensure reaching everyone-nod to transportation services!
- SW, counselors & psychologists phone out to all families in rotation to provide check-ins beyond teaching staff contacts, shared communication notes kept to ensure links to additional services
- Internet inequity concerns: 40% of families do not have access either due to infrastructure or income; establishing WiFi hotspots at school buildings and distributing hardware as needed
- Concern over long-term effects (ACES, unemployment)-considering how to provide long term, comprehensive support
- Concern for social/emotional wellness of school staff, concerns for impending layoffs, support for online instructional delivery, & preparation for re-opening

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RESOURCES

- IEL spreadsheet of practices & resources for COVID-19 responsby community schools: [Community Schools: COVID-19 Responses](#)
- NYSED Food Links
[Summer Food Service Program](#)
[Child Nutrition | NYSED](#)
- Buffalo Saturday Virtual Academies: [*Virtual* Saturday Academies](#)
- <https://www.epicforchildren.org/>
- Broome County Covid links:
<http://www.gobroomecounty.com/hd/coronavirus>
<http://www.gobroomecounty.com/mh/coronavirus/resources>.

Topics for next time!

- Supporting social/emotional wellness for school district staff; considerations for re-opening, short & long term planning
- Impact of ACEs: how are agencies/districts responding to concerns regarding domestic violence, substance abuse, child abuse, homelessness
- Progress monitoring methods for communication, links to additional services