

CS-TAC Coffee Hour Notes 5-19-20



Thank you all for joining us at this week's CS-TAC Virtual Coffee Hour. Thank you also to Ron Cope, Deputy Director Children's Aid, Maria Panora, CS 61 Community School Director & AnthonyCastillo, CS 61 Program Coordinator-our featured guests 🙌

Below you will find a recap of shared practices and resources. Please note the *new* embedded links that showcase example templates. Thank you to all who shared their amazing work with us this week!

Practices Shared

CSD Francisco Oller School (CS 61) Bronx, NY:

- **Current implementation:**
 - Community school focused on 4 domains: Academics; Family Engagement; Social Emotional Learning & Health/Mental Health
 - Success Mentor program focuses on relationship building, one mentor/grade level focused on promoting attendance, check-ins
 - Reading Rescue
 - Enrichment Programs
 - Family Engagement: parent coordinator & translation services
- **COVID Response Needs Response:**
 - Utilized Google forms
 - Focused on 3 questions: target audience; who could facilitate the survey; can we help with identifying needs
 - Utilized success mentors (4 team members) to phone families -tried to match mentors with families already had a

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relationship with

- Questions centered around food, mental health needs, health/medical services, technology needs. Asked families about student needs & adult needs
- Findings include desire for afterschool remote activities; technology needs (hardware, access to services & tutorials on using/accessing software); desire for student counseling (resource coordinator & guidance counselor responded) & nutrition assistance
- To ensure less duplication of calls/outreach, worked with school admin to ensure timing; acknowledged if siblings in home and called one time
- Virtual enrichment program: focus on physical activity for whole family; virtual chat times to assist in connections; Town Hall virtual Friday-provide check-ins for staff/students/families

● Reflections

- Desire to capture stories more holistically
- Goal to engage more youth
- Address families current residing in shelters & experiencing limited internet access
- Using technology: created tech teams to assist families to use devices & software; conducting “live chats” to assist families in real time.
- Acknowledge the difficulty in identifying needs or using formal language about needs & the importance of relationship building-at times, less formal conversations with families allows for discussion about concerns
- Flexibility & adaptation are key

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Pro-Action:

- Activity packet distribution: have found delivery of kits provides opportunity to connect informally & learn about additional needs
- Incorporating resilience building tools within packets

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Rochester School 19:

- Virtual Science Discovery Week: stem kits

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Rochester School 8 :

- Mental health check-ins; google class; virtual office hours
- Center for youth staff
- PE virtual challenges
- Resource room virtual hours; ESOL office hours
- Virtual read-alongs; YouTube music channel: theater, chorus, band, guitar, piano, ukulele
- Virtual talent show

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RESOURCES

- IEL spreadsheet of practices & resources for COVID-19 response by 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: [Coronavirus Information](#); [Coping through COVID-19](#).
- [WSCC model](#)

VIRTUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- [CS-TAC event: The Intersection of MTSS & Community Schools with Ali Hearn](#)
- [Educator Wellness During Covid-19](#)-virtual meeting series
- [School Leader Series-Building Protective Factors for Yourself and the School Community](#)-webinar series
- [Educator Wellness](#)
- [Student Life Skills](#)