Welcome to the NYS Cares for Communities Virtual Cafe!

Presented by Binghamton University & Change Impact

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Agenda

● Introduction
  ○ Goals:
    ■ Connect with NYSCFC team & partners
    ■ Linking work to Community Schools
● Icebreaker
● NYSCFC Overview
● Professional Development & Support
● Wrap-up & Next Steps
What is one thing - person, place or activity that brings you joy?
Giving some context:

- **NYS Cares for Communities (NYSCFC)** is an expansion of the NYSED Community Schools Technical Assistance Centers (CSTACs)

- In 2018 NYSED funded three CSTACs
  - Central/Western CSTAC is led by Binghamton University
  - Eastern CSTAC is led by Rockland 21C
  - New York City CSTAC is led by Fordham University

- NYSED CSTACs are designed to:
  - Facilitate the development and sustainability of community schools
  - Increase statewide capacity to support effective community school strategies
  - They do this through: Consultation, Trainings, Ongoing support as needed

- In 2021 - NYS allocated some of their CARES funding to expanded support to community-based and faith-based organizations
  - Binghamton University and Fordham University now lead what is known as NYSCFC
# The CARES Act

**The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act**

## BACKGROUND

Federal funds allocated via NYS Education Department

Designed to support communities most impacted by COVID-19

Funding will support non-profit organizations supporting identified communities

## GOALS

- Offer Social-Emotional and Mental Health support
- Improve parent and family engagement
- Leverage resources in partnership with school districts
- Address needs of students, families, and communities impacted by COVID-19 and support during remote learning

## DISTRIBUTION

Partnership with community and faith-based organizations with 501(C)3 status and evidence of serving youth and families

Eligibility limited to organizations serving one or more counties identified as being most impacted by COVID-19
Program Areas

Organizations provide services/programs in one or more of the following areas:

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<th>Academic Enrichment</th>
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<td>Digital Literacy for Students and Families</td>
<td>Family Services</td>
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# Geographic Eligibility

Organizations serve populations in one or more of the following counties:

## Region 1
- Erie County
- Monroe County
- Niagara County
- Orleans County

## Region 2
- Madison County
- Oneida County
- Onondaga County

## Region 3
- Albany County
- Columbia County
- Dutchess County
- Greene County
- Orange County
- Putnam County
- Rockland County
- Schenectady County
- Sullivan County
- Ulster County
- Westchester County

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**Binghamton University**

New York State Cares for Communities
At least one proposal was awarded in each region
20 total partners were selected
You should have received information about the execution of your contracts.
In January, we will be asking for an updated work plan.
Final report will be due August 2022 - more to come on this soon!
What is a community school?

A **community school** is a strategy (not a program) whose *integrated* focus on academics, services, supports and opportunities leads to improved student learning, stronger families and healthier communities.

**University-assisted community schools** mobilize the vast resources of universities to help traditional public schools (Netter Center at the University of Pennsylvania).

“**Pillars**” of Community Schools

- Integrated Student Supports
- Expanded and Enriched Learning Time & Opportunities
- Active Family & Community Engagement
- Collaborative Leadership and Practice
- Community-based Teaching & Learning
Why are they important?

Could someone help me with these? I’m late for math class.

Binghamton University Community Schools

Regional Network
  Broome County

NYS Central/Western Community Schools
  Technical Assistance Center
    Central and Western NYS

NYS Cares for Communities
  All of NYS except NYC/LI

21 Century Community Learning Centers
  Technical Assistance Resource Center
    All of NYS except NYC

University-Assisted Community School
  Regional Training Center
    All of NYS and NJ
Professional Development & Support

- Understanding and lifting up community initiatives
- Live workshops and networking opportunities
- Asynchronous (self-paced) courses with live virtual debriefs
- Community of Practice
- Support for families

Topics and areas of interest:
- Family engagement
- SEL
- Resource sharing
Professional Development & Support

How can we support you?
Asynchronous course preview

- Self-paced: engage any time, anywhere (start/pause when it’s convenient)
- Interactive: videos, readings, slides, check for understanding
- 1.5 hour commitment
- Certificate upon completion!
- Live virtual debrief with peers
What’s next?

Clarifications and Next Steps

● Stay Tuned:
  ○ Follow-up email
    ■ Equity course and instructions
    ■ Debrief date / time
    ■ Link to calendar to sign up for individual check-ins
    ■ Community of Practice updates

● Questions?
## Contact Information

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