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Examples of TAC Services to support your Community School efforts!

Appetizers - Getting Started with the TAC

- Subscribe to our monthly newsletter for upcoming events, opportunities, and resources
- Access tools and resources from our curated resource library
- Join our professional development webinars and virtual networking events

Main Course - 1:1 Coaching and Guidance

Examples of Coaching or Training topics (virtual or in-person)

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS 101-6 ELEMENTS

Introduction to the CS model using the *Essentials for Community Schools Transformation* framework. Reviews the history of Community Schools in NYS, the 6 key practices of Community Schools, suggested starting points, and an overview of TAC supports and services to support you along the way.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL COORDINATOR TRAINING

Introduction to the Community Schools model and the role of the Community Schools Coordinator (CSC). Includes suggested starting points and resources to navigate this position, considering the unique needs of your district and community.

NEEDS ASSESSMENTS

Covers the WHAT, WHY, WHO, WHEN, and HOW of needs assessments, including tangible tools and resources to guide your needs assessment process. Partners will receive the *Community Schools Needs Assessment Toolkit* developed by the NYSED C/W CS TAC in collaboration with Binghamton University Community Schools; and the *Needs Assessment Toolkit* from the National Center for Community Schools. This session is available at an introductory level and/or to work alongside district teams to implement each step of the Needs Assessment.

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS LEADERSHIP

For schools and organizational leaders to review the positive outcomes and return on investment of the Community Schools model. Partners will receive the *Community Schools Leadership Toolkit, Part 1: Building a Foundation* developed by the NYSED C/W CS TAC in collaboration with Binghamton University Community Schools, which includes core information and resources to meet the unique needs of each Community School's development, implementation, and growth.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Explores the importance of strong family and community engagement, including the mutual benefits for both schools and families. Includes key strategies for Community Schools to build trust and improve collaborative participation with families. Explores current family and community engagement practices and opportunities for growth.

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SUSTAINABILITY

Explores various models to help sustain and build capacity around Community Schools initiatives, including University - Assisted Community Schools and BOCES partnerships. Includes discussion around advisory groups and other conditions and infrastructure supports required to move the Community Schools work forward.

STRATEGIC ACTION PLANNING

Focusing on identified district needs, develop an action plan with SMART goals. Start small to make a big impact! Meet regularly with the TAC team to monitor progress and discuss ideas, challenges, successes, and opportunities.

EFFECTIVE ATTENDANCE PRACTICES

Explores Community School approaches to support attendance improvement initiatives. Includes information on chronic absenteeism and tangible tools and resources for effective attendance systems.

REGIONAL ROUNDTABLES

Smaller scale, localized networking opportunities

- Convene local partners to discuss alignment of resources and opportunities
- Convene similar districts or schools (ex: rural/urban; elementary/middle/high school) to discuss best practices, challenges, successes
- Virtual or in-person

**Looking to explore other topics?
Just ask the TAC!**

Dessert - Enhance and Learn

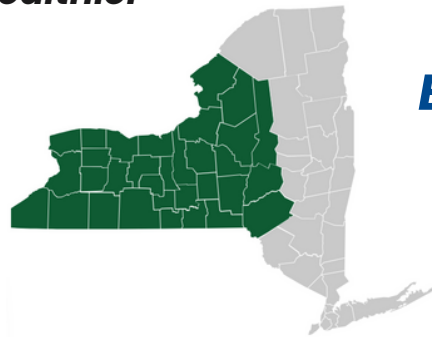
- Submit a spotlight story for our monthly newsletter to showcase your community school initiatives
- Connect your team with other districts to learn from each other
- Join an informal networking event to build relationships with other Community School practitioners

About the NYSED Central/Western Community Schools Technical Assistance Center

The **NYSED Central/Western Community Schools Technical Assistance Center** provides *FREE* and personalized support for new, existing, and aspiring Community Schools.

What's a Community School?

A Community School is both a place and a set of PARTNERSHIPS between the school and other community resources. Through supports in academics, health and social services, and youth and community development, **Community Schools lead to improved student learning, stronger families, and healthier communities.**



Building upon the existing strengths of schools to remove barriers and support the whole child



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