

Grants Update October 2021

Innovative Approaches to Literacy - David Palmore

The three-year IAL “Reading My Own Books” grant sponsored by the United States Department of Education and shared between Erlanger-Elsmere Schools, Bracken County Schools, and Pendleton County Schools closed on September 30th. All final reporting documents will be filed with USDE by December 1st, 2021.

Project Prevent - Kerry McHugh

All data collected for year 2 has been shared with grant evaluator and she feels very confident about our upcoming Annual Performance Report due October 15. GPRA measures: 1. Reduce behavior referrals, 2. Increase number of students receiving mental health services, 3. Increase student engagement, 4. Increase quality of relationship between families and community-based organization and between schools and community-based organizations.

The Restorative Practices (RP) Team is collaborating with the school principals and Jo Craven to help set up restorative spaces in both pilot schools (Tichenor and Bartlett). Creating plans for a restorative space was an activity that the teams worked on during the June RP training days. Project Prevent purchased items for these spaces. The RP Team, in collaboration with Jo Craven, will also provide coaching and support on the proper use of these spaces.

Remaining 1.5 days of RP training will be completed on Monday, November 2 and December (TBD) with the team of folks (from Bartlett and Tichenor) that attended the 2 days in June.

RP team will plan activities/connections (e.g. articles, podcasts, webinars, etc. to bridge the initial training with the remaining training days.

Al Poweleiet (DPP Office) are collaborating to write procedures for the district’s contracts with outside mental health providers.

Project Prevent has supported all EES Schools (including the preschool classrooms) with sensory and mental health supplies (e.g. fidgets, sensory bins, task bins, board games, play-doh, legos, etc.) Howell Elementary has created a sensory room that they are incorporating into all 3 tiers in their PBIS system. Lloyd HS counselors also turned the area outside their offices into a more inviting space for students, including artwork, inspirational messaging, fidgets, calming items, sand trays, etc.

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Strategic Prevention Framework - Mary Burch

Community Alignment of Resources Team (CART)- has goals of promoting conditions that prevent youth substance use, including alcohol, and enhancing mental health infrastructures in the community. The CART tool records information about 18 areas of community life that can impact youth decision making about alcohol or other challenges for youth. Information from the tool can track progress towards empowerment and help coordinate community resources.

CART tool refinements to include qualitative, note features, and other modifications. Training included in MTSS/PBIS for targeted staff- thanks to Jo and Michael.

CART and CRAFFT (Car, Relax, Alone, Forget, Friends, Trouble) data being compiled by Jen Stansbury-Koenig for annual report.

6 of the 7 schools have purchased and have plans to implement evidenced based substance abuse prevention curriculum.

Gap identified in mental health services at one Elementary School and provider identified to begin serving students.

Trainings attended by targeted school staff- National Prevention Network conference, Social-Emotional Learning/Self-Care for Staff, KY School Counselor Association conference.

Full Service Community Schools

Miles - Alanya Hoppius

FSCS Grant Update

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Alanya Hoppius-FSCS Coordinator-Miles Elementary

- I continue to work directly with high needs students to facilitate sensory and emotional breaks and provide one-on-one academic support upon teacher request. I continue to serve on the PBIS/Tier 2 committee and work directly to support students who have Tier 2 interventions.
- I continue to participate in the E3C (Early Childhood Prevention) coalition. This month we discussed several things including The Chelsea Ryan Festival of Hope. The Grant Coalition we have formed in our district will be represented at this festival and the FSCS grant has added the September newsletter for the Dinner Table Project to this event. The Dinner Table

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Project was created with the basic idea that families who eat together have better relationships with their families, higher self esteem, more resiliency and are less likely to take drugs. This newsletter gives a meal recipe and talking strategies and activity ideas for families.

- We are resuming the Dinner Table Project in October in conjunction with our community partner NorthKey. This grant provides the craft and placemats for the family engagement along with resource information to go with the meal. Our placemat spotlight this month will be on our Family Resource Centers. It will talk about all the resources they provide to our school, students, families, and community.
- This grant is also working with both Miles and Lindeman elementaries to structure and approve spending to wrap up year one of this grant. At Miles we are working towards implementing an additional literacy supplement curriculum supported by Mr. Engle, supplementing our Arts department that is shared by Miles and Lindeman, library revamp, Early Learning safety net support, SEL items for the counseling team, literacy manipulatives for reading intervention and speech, and interactive learning experiences for our students.
- Lexia reading was purchased per the grant and is being implemented this month with the students. Ms. Elmore is facilitating a school-wide Lexia challenge for the month of October. The winning grade level that completes the most lessons for the month will receive a pizza party with members of the Erlanger Police Department. Dreambox is also beginning implementation this month. This is a math supplemental support and is being used by all grade levels.

Drug Free Communities - E3C Coalition - Amy Cooley

Drug Free Communities (DFC) Support program was established under the Drug-Free Communities Act of 1997, P.L. 105.20. The purpose of DFC funding is to address two major goals:

- 1. Establish and strengthen collaboration among communities, public and private non-profit agencies, and Federal, state and local governments to support the efforts of community coalitions*
- 2. Reduce substance use among youth and overtime among adults (specifically, underage drinking, tobacco/e-cigarettes/vaping)*

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We are excited to announce that EES schools has hired Nicole Rankin, as a program specialist to work with the E3C DFC grant. The grant originally had this position written but we were unable to find the right fit until now. This grant is very broad in the spectrum of prevention from cradle to career age which includes the families of our students so we are looking forward to her expertise and can do attitude to help our Coalition reach its goals.

The E3C Drug Free Coalition completed our Year One DFC grant reporting that ended in September. This was a shortened year from December 2020- September 30, 2021. We ended the year achieving goal #1 which is having representation from all 12 sectors in the community which includes: Parents; Business; Media; Schools; Youth Serving Organizations; Law Enforcement; Civic/Volunteer Organizations; Religious/Fraternal Organizations; Healthcare Professionals; State/Local/Tribal Government; Substance Abuse Organizations; and Youth. The next step is to utilize the Strategic Prevention Framework to guide the Coalition member work in the community to reduce substance use in youth. We will continue as a group to look for under-represented sector partners in our community (community of color; English as a second language population & businesses).

We have had success this month hosting the "Fan Zone" at the home Lloyd Football games as an alternative to traditional tailgating. Thank you to Erlanger Baptist for Co-hosting this event to make it special for our students and community. Many prevention materials for alcohol and vaping were distributed at these events. In addition, we were able to promote the upcoming "Festival of Hope" on Sunday, October 17th at Lloyd High School from 2-5pm.

The last few weeks we have devoted much time and preparation to "Red Ribbon Week" which occurs in the month of October. Meetings with all of our EES schools have occurred to understand what developmentally appropriate material/media support each need to reach their age group and parent population. Each school has a unique plan so far and we will continue to work closely with each school to refine the activities this month.

Lastly, the E3C Coalition has worked closely with many of the other EES grant organizations to assist with executing the 2021 KIP survey; Tank Substance Prevention "Talk They Hear You" campaigns; Dinner Table Project with FIT and much more.

Drug Free Communities - STOP Grant - Diana O'Toole

September has been a very busy month participating in much missed school activities. KCA participated in a tailgating activity at the LHS/Dixie Football game. This was well attended and information and giveaway items with the Crisis TEXT line was given to youth and parents attending. We have also been collaborating with EES regarding information, and programs to offer to our youth to promote anti-vaping. 2 Collections boxes have been ordered where youth can dispose of vaping devices safely on school property. Shawn Neace has been working with KCA on this project. Another project we are planning is the KIP Survey, which will be given in November. Parental information is being processed and will be distributed by 10/15. KCA was also featured in one of the articles in the "What's Happening " publication across Kenton County. This will remind the community of the work in Prevention that we are doing with our youth. This has prompted other schools such as Holmes High School, Holmes Middle School, Simon

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Kenton, Twenhofel Middle School and Villa MaDonna to reach out for suggestions for prevention programming they can implement in their schools. The TANK bus ads were renewed and will continue to run until May. We have featured several LHS students in these ads and have received positive feedback. The new chairs for the LHS Basketball Team have been received and we are designing a banner that will have a prevention message to be displayed in the gym also.

CARA Grant - Diana O'Toole

The CARA Grant is in the No-Cost Extension Mode. This means that the initial four year grant is over, however we were able to be conservative in our spending. So we applied for another 9 months to complete our programming. We will continue to have this grant until March. We were able to receive Gift Cards from Chick Fil courtesy of North Key last year. So we have used those to help promote two programs. The Crisis Text Line (741741) and the Take Back Drugs Program. The Gift Cards, Prescription Lock Boxes , Drug Disposal Packets along with Take Back Drug locations were distributed at St. Elizabeth Hospice Center, and several other St. Elizabeth nursing areas. KCA also collaborated with Kroger pharmacies and 20,000 prescription bags have Kenton County Drug Take Back Locations printed on the prescription bags.