

Community Care Development Project

- The Community Care Development Project (CCDP) responds to youth, family, and school staff requests for enhanced school-based mental health services and wraparound support.
- Using [Oregon's System of Care philosophy](#), this locally driven, collaboratively designed strategy improves school community mental health, health and well-being via robust partnerships between school districts and their local systems of care (SOCs).



Linguistically and culturally responsive school-based Community Care staff serve two core functions:

Provide emotional support and system navigation to youth and their families.

Identify and respond to community health, mental health, and basic needs using innovative, locally driven strategies.

In the two school years since the project's inception, Community Care staff have served more than **28,000** youth and families and provided more than **4,500** referrals to local services.



District Community Care Staff furnish or connect families with basic services such as food, clothing, hygiene products, shelter, utility assistance, emergency support, state and family benefits, and more.

Staff devise and implement community-driven, locally tailored solutions that improve the health and well-being of students and their families such as Spanish-language trauma healing groups, community health fairs, play groups with a focus on early literacy, and financial and housing workshops.

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"I've seen an increase of attendance based on the increase of engagement with families and students."

"Our communities with the highest needs are partnered with, and supported by, their **Community Care Specialist**, so there's less interruption for students experiencing those distresses."

*Alma Hernandez - Hillsboro School District
Community Care Coordinator*

"Now that we're established, it's obvious that students have needed us all along. We are making headway in mental health by being available for whatever families need. I have students who have increased attendance because of us."

*Jen Schulze - Lake County School District 7
Community Care Coordinator*

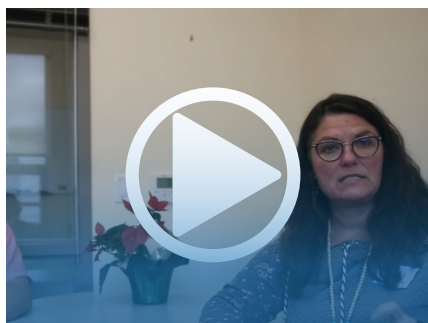


In the Care staff's own words:

Phoenix-Talent School District



Lake County School District 7



South Lane School District



"We're making that invisible bridge visible."



*Glenn Trujillo - South Lane School District
Community Care Specialist*

"We're here making sure students aren't falling through the cracks, and that families are getting what they need."

So much of their lives are in-school. The more that we can help support them, the more we know student outcomes are positive."

*Heather Murphy - South Lane School District
Early Learning & Community Service Administrator*



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