Fresno County Partnership FACT SHEET

Working with the County of Fresno to meet complex needs of Fresno Unified students

The Fresno Unified School District and the County of Fresno’s Department of Social Services (DSS) and Department of Behavioral Health have a unique partnership to address the complex social, emotional, and mental health needs of Fresno Unified students. In addition, the district works closely with the Fresno County Probation Office on prevention and intervention.

Providing the support students need

Students in Fresno Unified School District – much like all other urban school districts – face personal challenges and require the support of the County of Fresno’s DSS and DBH, such as foster, mental health, and protective services. The unique partnership between the district and these county departments allows for immediate and effective case management and mental health treatment to ensure that the individual needs of students are addressed, while making sure these students receive the education they deserve.

Advocating for well-being of each student

Through innovative programs like the Education Equals Partnership (EEP) funded by the Stuart Foundation, Fresno Unified and county staff work together to provide effective support to students. By sharing information and connecting students to the resources they need, students are given the necessary support to stay in school and on target to graduate. DSS educational liaisons provide direct linkage between district and DSS staff. All eligible foster children are connected with early learning with a focus on improving educational outcomes for school-age students who are in foster care. Additionally, two DSS K-6 social workers working with the district’s Project ACCESS provide targeted case management to families requiring support with housing and homelessness.

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