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Abstract

OnTrack Greenville is a multi-stakeholder collaboration between the Greenville County Schools, United Way of Greenville County, Communities In Schools, Prisma Health (formerly Greenville Health System/Greenville Health Authority), and BellXcel (formerly BELL or Building Educated Leaders for Life) to establish a community-based Full-Service Community School model in four high-poverty middle schools as a strategy for improving long-term academic and social emotional outcomes for high-risk students. The program's goal is to keep vulnerable youth "on track" for high school graduation and post-secondary success by providing a range of evidence-based interventions in response to notifications received through an Early Response and Warning System focused on attendance, behavior referrals, and course performance (the ABCs). This project responds to the Absolute Priority as well as Competitive Preference Priorities 2, 3, and 4 for this grant opportunity.

Greenville County Schools identified the OnTrack Greenville schools (Berea, Lakeview and Tanglewood Middle Schools, and Greenville Early College) as likely sites for implementing strategies from the Full-Service Community Schools movement because they presented the highest numbers of students most at-risk of dropping out of high school, not only as a result of poverty but because they demonstrated key risk factors that research shows represent leading indicators for school failure. These include (a) attendance; (b) behavior; and (c) course performance (Bruce, Bridgeland, Fox & Balfanz 2011).

Through a collective impact model, OnTrack has instituted a system for identifying students at-risk through red flags raised using our Early Response and Warning System (EWRS) in one of the three indicator areas, targeting root causes of their problems, and responding with a comprehensive suite of resources and interventions provided by three implementation partners in addition to the school district:

- 1) Communities-In Schools (CIS): school-level interventions and individualized case management assistance from grade-level Student Support Specialists in line with the national, evidence-based CIS model
- 2) Prisma Health Bradshaw Institute for Community Child Health & Advocacy: onsite, School-Based Health Centers
- 3) BellXcel: summer learning and enrichment camps

In addition to serving as the implementation site for OnTrack Greenville, Greenville County Schools is also participating as an implementation partner,