

SUPPORTING STUDENTS IN THE NORMANDY SCHOOLS COLLABORATIVE



Children growing up in the 24:1 footprint often face challenges, but they have many opportunities for greatness. Education and support through wraparound services are key to accessing those opportunities. Coalition Members' wraparound services ensure students are ready for the classroom and supported every step of the way.

Beyond Housing's Family Engagement Liaisons (FELs), a team of hardworking, dedicated individuals who bridge the gap between the school district, students, and families, are central to this work. Serving students throughout the 24:1, the FELs remove barriers that prevent students and their families from getting the most out of their education.

Basic Needs

The FELs get to know students and families to understand the individual student's needs and challenges. Collaborating with local organizations, the FELs connect students and families to a variety of resources, including uniforms, shoes, food, utility assistance, diapers, hygiene products, and housing.

Student Advocates

FELs connect with students on a more personal level than district staff, building trust and rapport. For example, FELs often sit in on disciplinary meetings to represent the voice and needs of students and parents.

Parental Involvement

Parental involvement is key to successful schools and school districts across the country. Districts that are more challenged often have less parental involvement. When FELs act as advocates within the school, parents feel a sense of comfort and are more likely to feel heard and connected.



“The most important thing is that we want kids to come to school: to show up, feel confident, be ready to learn and not worry about not having the right uniform or not having a coat or shoes, and to have the food they need.”

Marci Ranger

Director of Community Service
National Council of Jewish Women - St. Louis

Community Impact Network's Youth1st Coalition Members work with the Family Engagement Liaisons to make sure kids come to school ready to learn.

Youth1st Coalition Members make sure students are fed, clothed, and comfortable. Without those essentials, a student will struggle to succeed in school. With the support of wraparound services, these children have a greater opportunity to succeed and thrive —*now and in the future.*



Beyond Housing's Family Engagement Liaisons bridge the gap between students, families, and school staff, providing access to supports and services:
beyondhousing.org



The National Council of Jewish Women maintains Kids Community Closets at schools throughout the NSC, providing children with clothing, coats, and other needed supplies:
ncjwstl.org



Operation Food Search's Operation Backpack program provides weekend meals for students at several schools in the NSC footprint to make sure kids have access to food all week long:
operationfoodsearch.org



Sneakers with Soul provides new, high-quality, brand-name sneakers to at-risk children and youth, helping ensure these kids are ready for active days of learning and healthy movement:
sneakerswithsoul.org

Scan this QR Code to watch our video about the wraparound services supporting students in the NSC!

