

Social Services Pipeline ITP

Invitation To Participate™ Alignment Nashville Social Services Committee CREATING A SOCIAL SERVICES PIPELINE Coleman Park Community Center Events



Committee Vision: All MNPS students and families have the resources they need to promote student achievement.

Description: The Social Services Committee was created specifically to support the Social Services pillar of Community Achieves which focuses on four key areas: College and Career Readiness, Family Engagement, Health and Wellness, and Social Services at participating schools. Through Community Achieves, each participating school will assess its needs and work with partners to offer programs focused on the specific needs of their students, parents and community. The overall objective of the Social Services Committee is to build the capacity of MNPS Community Achieves sites and community partners to organize their human and financial resources around student success.

Additionally, the Social Services Committee focus is to create a district-wide framework that aligns social service resources to the specific needs of MNPS students and their families. After taking an in-depth look at school data, the Social Services Committee decided to develop a pilot initiative focused on the Glenclyff cluster and Coleman Park Community Center where some success has been reported with working with a high-needs community. The committee’s pilot builds on a model used by Catholic Charities and Coleman Park Community Center where a “community movie night” was used as the vehicle to bring families and social service providers together.

This Invitation To Participate (“ITP”) is designed to explore the science of providing targeted social services and aligning them to meet the specific needs of MNPS students and families by leveraging Coleman Park’s status as a “trust agent” in the community. The pilot will provide the committee with invaluable information on how to (1)

build community relationships and develop organization capacity; (2) support targeted community outreach; and (3) engage communities to effectively meet their needs. The results of this pilot will be used to inform other initiatives identified by the committee regarding developing professional development opportunities for social service providers to improve how they target and deliver their services and providing tools for MNPS faculty and staff to better assist their students with meeting their social services needs.

Target Population: Social Service Providers, MNPS students and their families

WHAT DO WE WANT TO DO?

OUTPUT FOR PHASE I

- Community Movie Nights and other events at Coleman Park Community Center with entertainment, vendors, sponsorship and social service providers in attendance to provide information

SHORT TERM OUTCOME

- Families increase knowledge and awareness of social services and providers they can use (75% of families who attend events)

MID TERM OUTCOME

- Families decrease number of repeat requests for same social services

LONG TERM OUTCOME

- Increase College Readiness
- Increase High School Graduation Rate
- Increase Career Readiness

SERVICES NEEDED FROM THE COMMUNITY:

This ITP seeks community resources to support events at Coleman Park Community Center. These events include movie nights, community field day and a back-to-school bash:

- Social service providers
- Sponsors (licensing, outdoor movie equipment, outdoor toilets, etc.)
- Entertainment for kids (balloons, face painting, craft stations, etc.)
- Food vendors
- Printing
- Volunteers
- Other relevant services

EVENT DATES

- **Movie Night 1, *Frozen*: May 24, 2014, 7:30pm; movie starts at sundown (this event has passed)**
- **Community Field Day: June 6, 2014, 10 - 11:30am**
 - Need activity stations/games for 140 kids who will be split into groups to rotate around the park
- **Movie Night 2, *Tangled*: June 28, 2014, 8pm; movie starts at sundown**
 - Need social service agencies to talk with families and hand out information
 - items to raffle off such as bikes, gift cards, and more

- **Back to School Bash: July 24, 2014, time TBD**
- Need social service agencies to talk with families and hand out information
- items to raffle off such as bikes, gift cards, and more

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