

COMMUNITY CARE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

\$5.5 million invested



What is this initiative?

Child and adolescent mental health have been declared a [national emergency](#), and Oregon's communities identify youth mental health as their number one priority. The Community Care Demonstration Project (CCDP) **responds to the significant need for robust, community-driven, linguistically and culturally responsive mental health and health systems in Oregon school communities.** In addition to ESSER funding, the CCDP is funded through a \$5.4 million award from the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#) through [Project AWARE \(Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education\)](#).

Goals

The Initiative consists of four primary components:

- » **Increase mental health literacy** via [Oregon Classroom WISE](#), an asynchronous digital learning educational program, and a large suite of accompanying resources.
- » **Develop and deploy credentialed mental health courses** and professional learning communities.
- » **Co-design and implement the Community Care Project (CCP)** to enhance mental health infrastructure and workforce in four school districts representing Oregon's racial/ethnic, linguistic, geographic, and socio-demographic diversity by building strong partnerships with local systems of care that can rapidly respond to their mental health and health care needs and embedding Community Care Specialists in each schools that provide emotional support and system navigation to students and families.



- » **Identify and understand formative and summative project impact** and make recommendations for implementation, sustainability, and continuous quality improvement.

Benefits

Measurable outcomes include **increased mental health literacy and better identification of youth in need of support**, improved service referral, augmented **suicide prevention**, intervention and postvention efforts, **enhanced student and staff health and well-being**, school climates embodying belonging, care, and connection, fewer disciplinary referrals, and improved academic success.

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Use of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds in Oregon

Since 2020, Oregon has received \$1.62 billion in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds to support the needs of all students, with a focus on historically excluded communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. The state has allocated 90 percent of its allotment to school districts to spend based on their community's unique needs. ODE has distributed the other 9.5% (0.5% used for Administrative costs) to support 12 equity-driven initiatives designed to address unfinished learning, support our students' and staff's health, safety, and mental wellness, and strengthen high-quality, culturally-sustaining instruction and leadership. These initiatives are designed for all students and are specifically centered on equitably serving Oregon's Black, Latino, Latina, Latinx, Indigenous, Asian, Pacific Islander, and Tribal students, students with disabilities, students who identify as LGBTQ2SIA+; emerging bilingual; and those navigating foster care, houselessness, and poverty, and those with limited access to resources due to rural location.