

Student Support Initiatives

Medina County Career Center

The Medina County Career Center (MCCC) utilized Student Wellness and Success Funds for a variety of initiatives supporting students' social and emotional needs. MCCC implemented Mindfulness programming based on the Mindful Schools' best-practice, research-based high school Mindfulness curriculum. In addition, the Student Assistance Specialist (school-based mental health counselor) has been trained as a Certified Mindfulness Instructor to deliver weekly Mindfulness lessons. MCCC has implemented new Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) initiatives including a student recognition wall highlighting student accomplishments. With the assistance of community businesses and organizations, as well as staff, students, and families, MCCC stocks and maintains a food pantry – The Care Closet – which provides non-perishable foods, perishable foods, toiletries, cleaning supplies, and paper products to students-in-need. MCCC collaborates with the Medina County SHARE (Student Health Advocacy Resources and Empowerment) Coalition, the Medina County Schools' Crisis Response Team (MCSCRT), and the Medina County Educational Services Center to provide training and wellness initiatives for staff and students. These organizations are comprised of school counselors, school prevention specialists, community mental health agencies, community organizations, and local law enforcement. MCCC also has an active Crisis Response Team and Threat Assessment Team to provide both preventative and responsive measures in a crisis or critical incident to support staff and students. Staff have received multiple trainings in Trauma-Informed Care. Resources from the National Institute of Mental Health and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration are available and utilized for staff, student, and family support. MCCC utilizes the Safe School Helpline and developed and promoted a new QR code to provide students with easier access to the Helpline. MCCC compiles, maintains, and updates behavioral health, emergency mental health, and community resource lists to distribute to staff, students, and families in-need.