



Learning and Teaching Support 2007-08 Overview of Programs and Services

Note: An alphabetical directory of personnel and tasks follows this overview of programs and services.

Learning and Teaching Support

Assists school district, family, and community partners in creating and sustaining quality learning environments that increase the opportunity for achievement and success of all children and youth. Learning and Teaching Support accomplishes its work through the:

- Administration of federal grants and state funded programs.
- Provision of technical assistance to schools, educational service districts, and communities regarding a wide array of nonacademic barriers to learning.
- Collaboration with state agencies including the Department of Social and Health Services, the Department of Health, the Office of Community, Trade, and Economic Development, and the Department of Corrections to develop and maintain a community infrastructure that assists schools in ensuring a learning environment that supports the success of all students.

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The following is an alphabetical listing of the programs and services offered by Learning and Teaching Support:

- ▶ 21st Century Community Learning Centers - A program to support the creation and expansion of community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low performing schools. The program: helps students meet state and local student standards in core academic subjects, such as reading and math; offers students a broad array of enrichment activities that can complement their regular academic programs; and offers literacy and other educational services to the families of participating children. For more information contact: Pam O'Brien, (360) 725-6052, pam.obrien@k12.wa.us
- ▶ Children of Incarcerated Parents Support Program - Providing assistance to school districts, schools, and educators to support the needs of the children of incarcerated parents and their families and caregivers (as authorized by House Bill 1422, passed by the 2007 Legislature). Seeks to safely maintain familial connections, when appropriate, in order to decrease adult recidivism, and to reduce the likelihood that students will go to prison later in life. For more information contact: Greg Williamson, (360) 725-6251, greg.williamson@k12.wa.us
- ▶ Coordinated School Health (CSH) – The Healthy Schools Successful Students Coordinated School Health project is supported by a federal Centers for Disease Control grant. There are eight interconnected components in the coordinated school health model including: physical education; health services; nutrition services; counseling and psychological services; healthy school environment; health promotion for staff; family/community involvement and health education. Each component makes an important contribution to students' well-being and readiness to learn. The CSH team provides leadership, policy guidance, technical assistance and training toward building governmental, non-governmental, local organization, and school district partnerships and capacity to address priority health and safety needs of K-12 students. For more information contact: Gayle Thronson (360) 725-6040, gayle.thronson@k12.wa.us or Mona Johnson (360) 725-6050, mona.johnson@k12.wa.us

- ▶ **Correctional Education Programs and Title 1 Delinquent Support Services** - This program funded with State apportionment funds, provides technical assistance to K–12 education programs within county-operated juvenile detention centers and group homes, and state-operated Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration and Department of Corrections' prison facilities for incarcerated juveniles under the age of 18. The Title 1 Delinquent Program provides management, supervision and monitoring of federal Title 1 D funding allocated to eligible institutions to improve the academic achievement of incarcerated youth as well as to provide transition assistance to keep them in school after their release. For more information contact: Kathleen Sande, (360) 725-6046, kathleen.sande@k12.wa.us
- ▶ **Building Bridges - Drop Out Prevention, Intervention and Retrieval** - Designed to increase the number of Washington State students who graduate from high school on time and re-engage students who have already dropped out of school. This program supports the creation of local school, workforce, and community partnerships to build comprehensive dropout prevention, intervention and retrieval systems to identify students “at risk” of dropping out of school, provide timely interventions/supports and re-engage students who have already dropped out of school. For more information contact: Annie Blackledge, (360) 725-6041, annie.blackledge@k12.wa.us
- ▶ **Even Start Family Literacy Program (Title I: Part B)** - An education program for low-income families designed to improve the academic achievement of young children and their parents, particularly in reading. Core components include: early childhood education, adult literacy, parenting education, and interactive literacy activities between parents and their children. For more information contact: Debra Williams-Appleton, (360) 725-6049, debra.appleton@k12.wa.us
- ▶ **Foster Care Liaison** - Educational stability and continuity for children in foster care is a priority of the Washington State Legislature. OSPI and DSHS Children's Administration are working closely together to establish coordinated protocols, procedures, and legal interpretations that provide a foundation for this work. For more information contact: Ron Hertel, (360) 725-6049, ron.hertel@k12.wa.us
- ▶ **Health Services** - Provide consultation to school administrators, staff, school nurses, families and students regarding health, safety and the provision of nursing care at school. Additionally, the Health Services Program staff partner with the Department of Health, and other agencies/ organizations to implement various school health related projects. For more information contact: Gayle Thronson, (360) 725-6040, gayle.thronson@k12.wa.us
- ▶ **Healthy Youth Survey** - A collaborative effort by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Department of Health, Department of Social and Health Services, and Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development to recognize the interdependencies of health behaviors, alcohol and other drug use, violence and related risk factors impacting Washington State youth. For more information contact: Dixie Grunenfelder, (360) 725-6045, dixie.grunenfelder@k12.wa.us or Jeff Soder, (360) 725-6044, jeff.soder@k12.wa.us
- ▶ **Home/Hospital Instruction Program** - Provides for instruction directly to students temporarily unable to attend school for an estimated period of four weeks or more because of illness or physical disability. Services are limited to a maximum of 18 weeks. Student eligibility is determined by the local school district. For more information contact: Christy Conner (360) 725-6040 or Gayle Thronson, christy.conner@k12.wa.us or gayle.thronson@k12.wa.us
- ▶ **McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youth Program**- Ensures children and youth in homeless situations have the same opportunity to enroll, attend, and succeed in school as their non-homeless peers. The McKinney-Vento Act provides guidance to school districts regarding the rights of children and youth experiencing homelessness, as well as the school district's responsibility to serve them. For more information contact: Melinda Dyer, (360) 725-6050, melinda.dyer@k12.wa.us

- ▶ **Mental Health Liaison** - Access to public mental health services for students who are in need of them has been challenging for parents and educators. Through a contract with Washington State University, efforts are underway across the state to improve and enhance school and mental health treatment coordination. In partnership with the Mental Health Transformation Grant and the Mental Health Division, strategies are being developed to identify and disseminate evidence based and promising practices in a train-the-trainer format in each of the 9 Educational Service Districts. For more information contact: Ron Hertel, (360) 725-6049, ron.hertel@k12.wa.us

- ▶ **Operation: Military Kids** - A partnership between OSPI, Washington State University Extension 4-H Programs, and the Washington State National Guard and Army Reserve. Provides a training programs and resources for community and school professionals to create sustainable and replicable support networks for geographically dispersed military youth in schools and communities before, during and after the deployment of a parent or loved one. For more information contact: Mona M. Johnson, (360) 725-6050, mona.johnson@k12.wa.us

- ▶ **Readiness to Learn** - The intent of the Readiness to Learn (RTL) Program is to reduce barriers to learning through the formation of school, community, family partnerships to ensure students and their families have access to resources and services necessary to help them achieve at their highest learning potential. The goal is that all children and youth are able to attend school ready to learn. To that end, the RTL program serves as a catalyst to improve academic performance and reduce the achievement gap. For more information contact: Ron Hertel, (360) 725-6049, ron.hertel@k12.wa.us

- ▶ **Safe and Drug-Free Schools Data Grant Project** - A federally funded three-year project to enhance local, data-driven planning through the collection and analysis of substance abuse and violence prevention data. A collaborative effort with the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development, Department of Social and Health Services, and Department of Health, the project is responsible for the development and implementation of a web-based electronic data system to capture safe and drug free data, as well as student behavior data. For more information contact: Dixie Grunenfelder, (360) 725-6045, dixie.grunenfelder@k12.wa.us

- ▶ **Safe and Drug-Free Schools (Title IV: Part A)** - Federal funds made available to local educational agencies to support programs that prevent illegal use of alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, and violence in and around schools to foster a safe and drug-free learning environment which supports student academic achievement. Program activities must be consistent with the Principles of Effectiveness and reflected in a comprehensive district substance abuse and violence prevention plan. For more information contact: Jeff Soder (360) 725-6044, jeff.soder@k12.wa.us

- ▶ **School Nurse Corps Nurse Administrators** - This program provides a “corps” of registered nurses to the neediest school districts to provide direct care to students, health education, training, and supervision. In addition, it provides a School Nurse Corps Nurse Administrator at each educational service district to administer the program, provide consultation and training to school districts, and provide direct services as time permits. For more information contact: Gayle Thronson, (360) 725-6040, gayle.thronson@k12.wa.us

- ▶ **Student Assistance Prevention Intervention Services Program** - This program provides funding and technical assistance to educational service districts and school districts through the placement of specialists in schools responsible for the implementation of comprehensive student assistance programs. Program services include early alcohol, tobacco, other drug prevention and intervention services, assistance with referrals to treatment and other community resources, and recovery support services. For more information contact: Dixie Grunenfelder, (360) 725-6045, dixie.grunenfelder@k12.wa.us

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