

Pasadena Unified School District  
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Abstract

The Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD), in collaboration with a network of community partners, proposes to create three Centers for Student and Family Services to provide comprehensive services to students attending two elementary and two middle schools as well as to the students' family members and to members of the community in the schools' surrounding neighborhoods. In each year of the grant, the project will serve about 1,800 students and 500 family members, caregivers, and adult members of the community, the majority of whom are socio-economically disadvantaged.

PUSD serves the communities of Pasadena, Altadena, and Sierra Madre with a total population of almost 200,000 residents. The demographics of this community reveal deep socioeconomic and cultural divides between the general population and the students of PUSD and their families, who are predominantly low-income.

The project is designed to increase the capacity of the schools and the community to respond to the holistic needs of children, youth, and families. By creating hubs of services, called Centers for Student & Family Services, at schools located in chronically underserved neighborhoods and conducting extensive culturally-informed outreach, improving access to and equity in the delivery of services, and expanding participation of students, parents, and teachers in evidence-based programs, the Pasadena Unified School District, as part of a collaborative network of community partners, will improve the academic, social, and health outcomes for students and their families.