

The Ohio State University (OH) \$643,526 proposes the following objective: To support the dual capacity of families & schools to partner together to decrease chronic absenteeism & promote academic achievement with a Whole Child approach. Activities include: (1) English Learner Family Outreach resources for EL families through EL organizations; text messaging to reduce chronic absenteeism; (2) Family Leaders for Schools Academy for developing family leaders; (3) Family Programs & Resources to advance equity & address families' needs in pandemic recovery; (4) Student & Educator Mental Health program to equip school counselors to lead evidence-based activities to address the impact of COVID-19 on students & staff; (5) Ohio Partnership Schools training & technical assistance for SEA, LEAs, & schools in NNPS model; (6) Professional Development & Technical Assistance for SEA, LEA, & school personnel. Proposed Outcomes include: (1) Families have enhanced capacity to support child's education; (2) families & students of underserved populations have increased voice & leadership in school planning; (3) education professionals have enhanced capacity for engaging families to support student learning & wellbeing; (4) students have increased hope & school belonging & decreased isolation; (5) Ohio family engagement policies, cross-agency collaboration, & supports for LEAs are improved; (6) schools provide more accessible, equitable, & inclusive family engagement supports for families; (7) Ohio Partnership Schools engages all families to support attendance.