

What Services Can the Center Provide?

Information

The Center provides up-to-date information about youth risk issues and their effects, gang prevention/intervention as well as information regarding the most effective approaches to comprehensive prevention programs.

Needs Assessment

Short-term or long-term needs assessing and program planning are provided by the Center to help identify school/community problems, develop goals and objectives, outline training and technical assistance needs and evaluate outcomes.

Training

The Center offers prevention training and skill-building in a variety of critical areas (see "Training Topics"). In-service programs for school and community leaders are arranged after school, on teacher workdays, during week-end retreats or institutes.

Speakers and Consultants

An active file of carefully selected speakers and consultants, experts in their field, is maintained by the Center. The Center staff can make recommendations for a variety of programs, trainings or activities.



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What is the Center?

The Center for School-Community Collaboration is located in the School of Education at Virginia Commonwealth University. Its mission is to prevent and reduce youth problems in Virginia by working with school and community leaders throughout the Commonwealth. Initially, the Center provided training programs for school personnel, parents and community leaders that focused on the prevention of youth alcohol and other drug use. This training has expanded to include additional programs that address parenting skills, youth violence, gang prevention, bullying prevention and positive school climate.

The guiding principle of the Center is that community-wide action based on collaboration and cooperation is essential to overcoming negative, destructive factors and to promoting healthy, resilient, productive youth. The Center's training emphasizes community team efforts, and provides follow-up technical assistance for parents, school and community groups. Grant funding in excess of \$3 million from state and federal sources has enabled the Center to offer a variety of services since 1988.

Training Topics

- Action Planning
- Alcohol and Other Drug Issues
- Bullying Prevention
- Communication
- Conflict Resolution
- Crisis Management in Schools
- Dealing with Aggressive Students
- Gang Prevention/Intervention
- Promoting Positive School Climate
- Parent Education
- Peer Counseling
- Positive School Climate
- Resources
- School Safety
- Team Building
- Violence Prevention
- Working with Children of Alcoholics

The Center works with families, schools and communities to provide information and programs that promote the resilience and success of today's youth and assure safety in their environments.

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