



COMMUNITY SCHOOLS UNITED

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY SCHOOL?

Community Schools United (CSUnited) partners with schools to coordinate a robust network of resources and services that support the whole child and strengthen outcomes for students and families.

CSUnited implements the nationally recognized Community Schools strategy, which transforms schools into **hubs of support** where educators, families, and community partners work together to remove barriers to learning and expand opportunities for student success. Through dedicated Community School Coordinators and cross-sector collaboration, students and families are connected to resources, services, and opportunities that meet the **unique needs of each school community**.

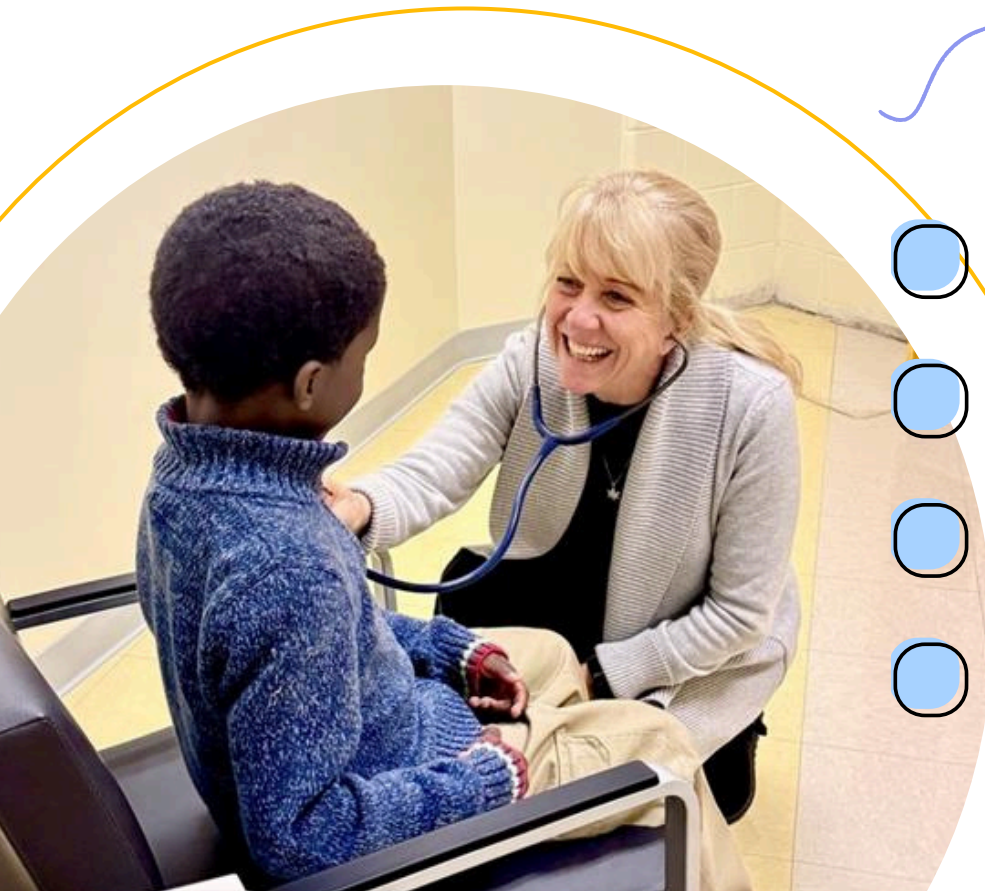
Community Schools do not replace the work of schools, they strengthen and enhance it through partnership, coordination, and shared responsibility for student and family success.

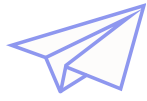


1300 +
STUDENTS &
FAMILIES
SERVED IN
MCSD
ANNUALLY

OUR MCSD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

-  BREWER EARLY INNOVATION ACADEMY
-  DOROTHY HEIGHT ELEMENTARY
-  MARTIN LUTHER KING JR ELEMENTARY
-  EDDY MIDDLE SCHOOL





IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

Foundation

2019

CEO Ben Moser joins UWCV, bringing deep Community Schools experience from United Way of Asheville, NC.

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CSUNITED: A SHARED JOURNEY

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Vision & Planning

2020

UWCV and Superintendent Dr. David Lewis launch shared visioning and planning for Community Schools United. MCSD makes an initial capital investment.

First School Launch

2021-2022 SY

CSUnited launches at Dorothy Height Elementary School, beginning implementation of the community schools strategy.

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Expansion

2022-2023 SY

Strategy expands to Brewer and Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary Schools.

Strengthening & Alignment

2023-2024 SY

Emphasis on strengthening implementation, improving systems alignment, and expanding cross-site partnerships.

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Brewer Transition Year

2024-2025 SY

CSUnited serves as the lead community partner in the Brewer initiative, acting as a key connector for students, families, and school leaders across partner schools.

5 year Anniversary

2025-2026 SY

Strategic planning and alignment to support future implementation

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Middle School Expansion

2026-2027 SY

CSUnited expands to Eddy Middle School, marking the transition into middle school implementation.

UWCV HAS RAISED OVER \$3.5 MILLION FOR CSUNITED SINCE INCEPTION & CONTINUES TO RAISE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FUNDING



UNITED WAY
Chattahoochee Valley

SENIOR DIRECTOR

Sidney Houck serves as Senior Director of CSUnited at UWCV, where she leads a high-performing team and cross-sector partnerships to expand the Community Schools strategy; connecting schools, families, and community resources so young people can thrive. Over the past six years, she has helped build the initiative from the ground up and strengthen its regional impact.

Houck earned her Master of Social Work from Troy University. She serves as Chair of the Institute for Educational Leadership's National United Way Learning Network, providing guidance to Community School backbone organizations across the country. Locally, she serves on the Muscogee County School District Family Resource Center Council, and on the "WE Show Up" Collaboration Committee.



CSUNITED TEAM

The UWCV CSUnited team is comprised of cross-sector team that includes a **dedicated Community School Coordinator (CSC)** at each site, along with staff focused on outreach, partnerships, and service alignment. This work is supported by more than 100 community partners, expanding access to resources and opportunities for students and families.



Tami Campbell,
Outreach Manager



Jarvis Hamilton,
CSC Brewer



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CSC DHES



Tamara Pizarro,
CSC MLK



Robert Heard,
CSC Eddy



Briana Rodafox,
Outreach Coordinator

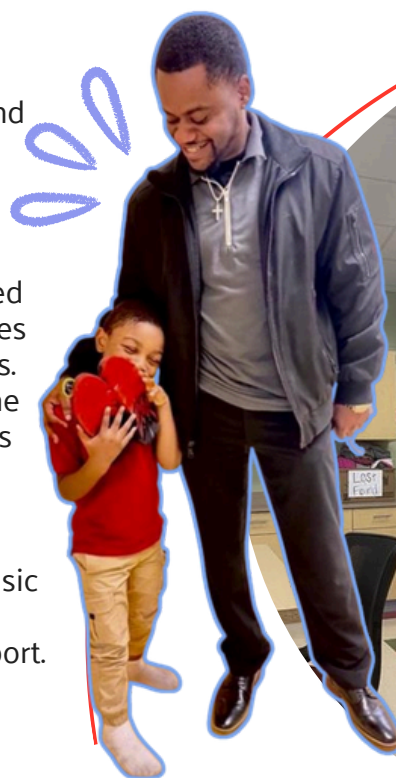
ROLE OF A CSC

A Community School Coordinator (CSC) is a UWCV employee who serves as the connector between schools, families, and community resources, making the Community Schools strategy both practical and impactful. The role requires intentional coordination, relationship-building, and strong knowledge of school systems and community supports.

CSCs are embedded within each school and operate from a dedicated **resource room** established by UWCV, providing students and families with a welcoming, centralized space to access support and resources. These spaces are stocked with basic needs such as uniforms, hygiene items, household goods, food, and laundry facilities; ensuring families can access support with dignity and ease.

CSCs connect students and families to existing resources and help develop new supports when gaps are identified. From addressing basic needs to coordinating enrichment and family engagement opportunities, they help position schools as hubs of access and support.

At the heart of the role is relationship-building, being present in the school, listening to families, and responding to needs as they arise. While each CSC's work reflects the unique needs of their school community, **their shared purpose is to connect, coordinate, and expand resources so every student can thrive!**





COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IN ACTION

COMMUNITY
SCHOOL PILLARS

COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP AND PRACTICES

Harness the collective expertise of all stakeholders by establishing a shared vision, setting goals, and implementing participatory practices for responsibilities and strategy implementation.

Ex: CNAs, SIPs, Data Reviews, Voice Surveys, Attendance Meetings, Admin Check Ins, At Risk Meetings, Resource Mapping, Professional Development, Culture & Climate, District Committees



ACTIVE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Prioritizing trust and respect through fostering family and community engagement, increasing capacity building, and creating systems that ensure families feel supported as key partners in student achievement.

Ex: Monthly Workshops, PAW Store, Newsletters, Volunteer Projects, Cooking Matters, Mobile Market, Teddy Bear Clinic, PALS, Lil Lit Learners



INTEGRATED STUDENT SUPPORTS

Deliver essential needs and supports through a whole-child, trauma-informed approach to help remove barriers to student success and ease the burden on parents and educators

Ex: Referrals (Basic Needs, Housing, Utilities, Food, Employment, Physical/ Mental Health), Uniforms, Schools Supplies, Buddy Packs, School Based Health Access, Glasses, Resource Fairs, Social Emotional Learning, Resource Rooms.



EXPANDED AND ENRICHED LEARNING TIME AND OPPORTUNITIES

Enable environments for learning by expanding before, after, and summer school services that enrich and enhance academics.

Ex: Boys and Girls Club Sponsorships, Girl Scouts, Parks & Rec Enrichment, Monthly Book Distribution, Robotics, I Love My Future Week, Summer Learning, Jump Rope Club



LEARN MORE!



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