



VISION

The Anaheim Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative removes barriers to learning and promotes positive mental health in youth through systems change.

BACKGROUND

Funded in 2006 through two federal grants, the Initiative serves Anaheim City School District youth ages 0-12 years and their parents. The Initiative's goals are to:

- Empower school staff with skills to decrease disruptive student behaviors
- Build students' prosocial skills
- Integrate community resources

HIGHLIGHTS

- **School-based mental health providers:** A mental health service provider has been placed on every school campus. Since the Initiative's inception, 1,167 students have been served via one-on-one and small group sessions.
- **Family Oasis:** A one-stop-shop for families struggling with intensive needs, 54 youth and parents have received comprehensive services from the psychology interns, school nurse, senior family services assistant, and therapist all housed in one place.
- **Program outreach assistants:** Parents of 104 children ages 0-5 years have benefited from weekly home visits where they learned how to prepare their children for success when they start school.
- **Partner programs:** Partner programs have been enhanced to better build students' positive views of their futures and self-esteem.

LOOKING DOWN THE ROAD

The Initiative's two advisory boards are working with technical assistants provided by the funding agency to prepare a sustainability plan and make sure these valuable services remain in our community.

9.5%
decrease in the
combined number of
discipline referrals for
hitting &
threats/fighting

*I thank you for making us
better kids and helping us
make better choices. We
learned that fighting is bad
and I am thankful for being
in our [social skills] group.
It has made me a better
person and helped me
learn to stay out of trouble*

—Student

For more information about the many programs and services offered through the Anaheim Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative, contact Wendy Dallin, Project Coordinator:

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