

Community Partners,

As the Director of Student Services for seven years, I've formed the following partnerships with various agencies in and around Rohnert Park.

1. Rohnert Park Public Safety - We receive a school resource officer at no cost to the school district. Most school districts have a cost-sharing agreement with law enforcement or pay for the officer entirely.
2. SOS Community Counseling - We contract for counseling services in the area of suicide prevention and drug abuse prevention. SOS also provides mental health and behavioral health staffing for our schools.
3. Community Matters - The executive director of Community Matters was the parent group president at my middle school years ago. Because of this relationship, we have been offered ongoing grants for our Safe School Ambassadors programs at the high schools and middle schools. The grants range from 100% free to 50% savings.
3. Sonoma County Probation - We partner with the Sonoma County Probation Department's Keeping Kids in School program to receive a 50% cost break for an attendance case manager. The case manager works with our most truant families to provide them with wrap-around support services.
4. SCOE - We partner with SCOE and gain access to their TUPE grant funds, which are significant, for our Tobacco intervention programs. Dr. Debra Sanders provides us with grant funding for our foster/homeless youth students to provide a wide range of support services for them. Dr. Sanders is an outstanding resource in many areas that support students who are traditionally underserved by our systems.
5. City of Rohnert Park - We partner with the City and many outside agencies at the Homeless Roundtable every month. In these meetings all homeless partner agencies keep each other apprised of the latest developments in supporting homeless families in our community.
6. Heartwood Church - Rocky works with Pastor Andy, who runs an alliance of churches in Rohnert Park, to provide "Out of the box" services for our underserved youth. The church has provided scholarships, bicycles, food, and other support for our students.
7. CPI - Child Parenting Institute - We have worked with CPI for many years to provide various parenting classes and services for our families. In the past, we have posted their services on our website and passed out their fliers. Our partnership has grown recently to include grant support services, wellness center partnership & staffing, and other community support services.
8. Sonoma State University - We have been strong partners with SSU for many years. We support their job fair, present in the education classes, find placement for their student teachers, and hire their counseling interns to support our students. We have also used the Green Music Center for our annual spring concert before COVID-19 at no cost to the district.
9. Petaluma Health Center (PHC) - We have negotiated free support services for many of our families in need. Next year PHC will provide free dental screening for all our students, and continue to provide dramatically reduced medical care for our families. We meet with PHC several times a year to plan services. COVID-19 interrupted their service, but it will start up very soon with dental screenings for Summer School.

10. Seneca Family Agencies - We work with Seneca to provide various services for our underserved populations. Seneca provides a wide range of services for free or on a sliding scale.

11. Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) - We work with SAY to provide services for our Foster & Homeless youth. Every year we have several of our students living at SAY in Santa Rosa. SAY also provides counseling services for our youth living with them.

12. PAWS for Love - We work with PAWS so our staff can bring therapy dogs on our campuses to support students. We currently have about 6-7 dogs on our campuses at any given time.

13. Sonoma County Food Bank - We have worked with the Food Bank for about three years to coordinate food delivery to many of our families, especially during the pandemic.

14. Drug Abuse Alternative Center (DAAC) - We contract with DAAC to provide drug prevention education to offending students at RCHS every Friday.

Sincerely,

Matt Marshall