

OTTAWA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NETWORK

VISION: ALL STUDENTS ARE PHYSICALLY, EMOTIONALLY, AND SOCIALLY WELL WITH STRONG FAMILY SUPPORTS SO THAT EACH STUDENTS DEVELOPS TO THEIR OWN POTENTIAL

COMMUNITY SCHOOL COORDINATORS- COORDINATE STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH CARE

- Receives referrals for students with potential mental health issues- from school staff, students or families
- Administers evidence based mental health screeners to help determine appropriate level of care .
- Leverage connections with community providers, most of whom are willing to provide services in the schools, to help address the full spectrum of mental health needs.
- Facilitates identification of students for social skills groups and coordinates logistics of participation.

PROVEN TO INCREASE ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

OCSN began as a two year pilot in August of 2017-18. The pilot included 5 schools located in three districts. Early on the pilot proved to be a success at removing barriers that families had to accessing necessary mental health services! By the second year of the pilot program-186 students were able to access mental health services provided by 5 various outside agencies right there in their schools. These services did not exist prior to the school's partnership with OCSN. This fall OCSN expanded into 6 new schools totaling 11 schools between 6 districts. And districts are hoping to be able to continue to expand these services in the coming years.

Increased Access to Mental Health Supports 2017-2019 *5 Pilot schools*

