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A Compilation of Best Practices and Successes in Collaboration

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Title of Best Practice: Cheektowaga Alliance for Healthy Communities/Healthy Youth

Description: The Cheektowaga Alliance for Healthy Communities/Healthy Youth is a town-wide partnership, inclusive of all sectors, primarily guided by the 40 Developmental Assets framework, to promote meaningful and sustainable community change, so that our young people can thrive.

Partners: Cleve-Hill School District; Maryvale School District; Cheektowaga-Sloan School District; Depew School District; Cheektowaga Police Dept.; Cheektowaga Senior Center; Cheektowaga Youth and Recreation Services; Catholic Charities of Buffalo; Erie County Prevention for Alcohol & Substance Abuse; Child & Family Services

Need addressed: The Alliance provides an opportunity for CCSD students to work collaboratively with their peers and community organizations in order to develop solutions and bring about change in the Cheektowaga Community.

Cost/resources used: Cost of transportation to and from meetings and event; Refreshments for Alliance meeting held at CCSD; MS & HS Counselors attend meetings along with selected students.

Briefly describe how you implemented this: Based on the results of the Search Institute 40 Developmental Assets survey and the needs identified within the survey, the entities joined forces to create opportunities for positive change within the Cheektowaga community.

What were the outcomes:

- The Comprehensive District Plan (CDEP) focuses on community involvement and student development. Participation in the Alliance for Healthy Communities/Healthy Young engages students in service learning projects that impact our community in a positive way.

Please complete this sentence:

This program serves as an example to others because: It demonstrates the power of collaboration

Are there other supporting materials to share?