

## Student Services Update

### Agency Services in Schools

#### Formal agreements:

- Center for Dialogue – mediations, peer mediator training, truancy interventions
- Families Together, Inc. (FTI) – Day Treatment and in school mental health services
- Safe – contract prevention educator for Safe Dates (9<sup>th</sup> grade) and Healthy Relationships (RMS 6<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Addiction, Recovery, Prevention (ARP) – developing an agreement for a part time prevention coordinator and educator, substance abuse assessments and treatment

### Proposed Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention Programs (ARP)

- ARP – examples of possible programs and services:
  - prevention curriculum for an entire grade-level cohort of students (e.g. Project Alert in 7<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - more in-depth or targeted level programming for Davidson River students
  - support existing drug testing policy to implement youth and parent programming to support those identified with “positive” drug test
  - offer support to students (and families) identified for ISS and/or OSS
  - reinvigorate Mendez and/or other school wide drug prevention program
  - support existing DARE programs
  - work with a school to implement a Needs Assessment
  - implement FAST (Families and Schools Together)

### Mental Health Services in Schools

- School personnel refer to and collaborate with any mental health providers.
- Families Together Inc. MOU provides in school services (typically outpatient therapy) as needed, but in a highly coordinated manner with the schools.
- Outside of school services include Intensive In Home, Multi-Systemic Therapy, and private evaluations and counseling.

### 21 Plus (DRS only)

- Students apply for acceptance. Applications are reviewed by a committee of all high school principals and Director of Secondary Education. Recommendations are approved by the Superintendent.
- Thirty seven students have graduated through the program since it began in 2007:
  - 2007 - 3 students
  - 2008 - 6 students
  - 2009 - 10 students
  - 2010 - 13 students
  - 2011 - 5 students
- Currently, eight students are in the program this year.

### Building Futures

- Funded through a grant from the Mountain Area Workforce Development Board.
- Student Advocates: Stephen Shields at BHS and Todd Anderson at RHS
- Paid work experience grant (\$20,727) for students to work in private, public, and non-profit sector employment aligned to career plans.

### Truancy Board

- An effort to provide early intervention with students and families who demonstrate patterns of excessive unlawful absences.
- Collaboration among TCS, Department of Social Services, Department of Juvenile Justice, and the Center for Dialogue