



UNITED WAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL PARTNERS

United Way community schools level the playing field for students and families facing barriers to success. There are 10 United Way community schools serving 6,000+ kids in three Erie County School Districts: Erie's Public Schools, Girard School District and the Iroquois School District.

UW COMMUNITY SCHOOL	LEAD PARTNER	CORPORATE PARTNER(S)
ERIE'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS		
East Middle School	Safe Harbor Behavioral Health at UPMC Hamot	Hamot Health Foundation
Edison Elementary School	Achievement Center	Wabtec
Diehl Elementary School	Mercyhurst University	Accudyn Products Inc. American Tinning & Galvanizing Custom Engineering Lincoln Recycling McInnes Rolled Rings Reddog Industries, Inc. Smith Provision Company, Inc. Team Hardinger
Harding Elementary School	TBA	Eriez Magnetics
McKinley Elementary School	Edinboro University	LORD Corporation
Perry Elementary School	TBA	Eriez Magnetics
Pfeiffer-Burleigh Elementary School	Family Services of NWPA	Erie Insurance
Strong Vincent Middle School	Gannon University	Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield
GIRARD SCHOOL DISTRICT		
Elk Valley Elementary School	Achievement Center	Reed Manufacturing
IROQUOIS SCHOOL DISTRICT		
Iroquois Elementary School	Penn State CORE	Widget Financial Reed Manufacturing

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- ▶ Bring resources into the school building that address the specific barriers preventing students from being successful.
- ▶ Are hubs rich with resources for students and their families.
- ▶ Represent a strategy, not a program.

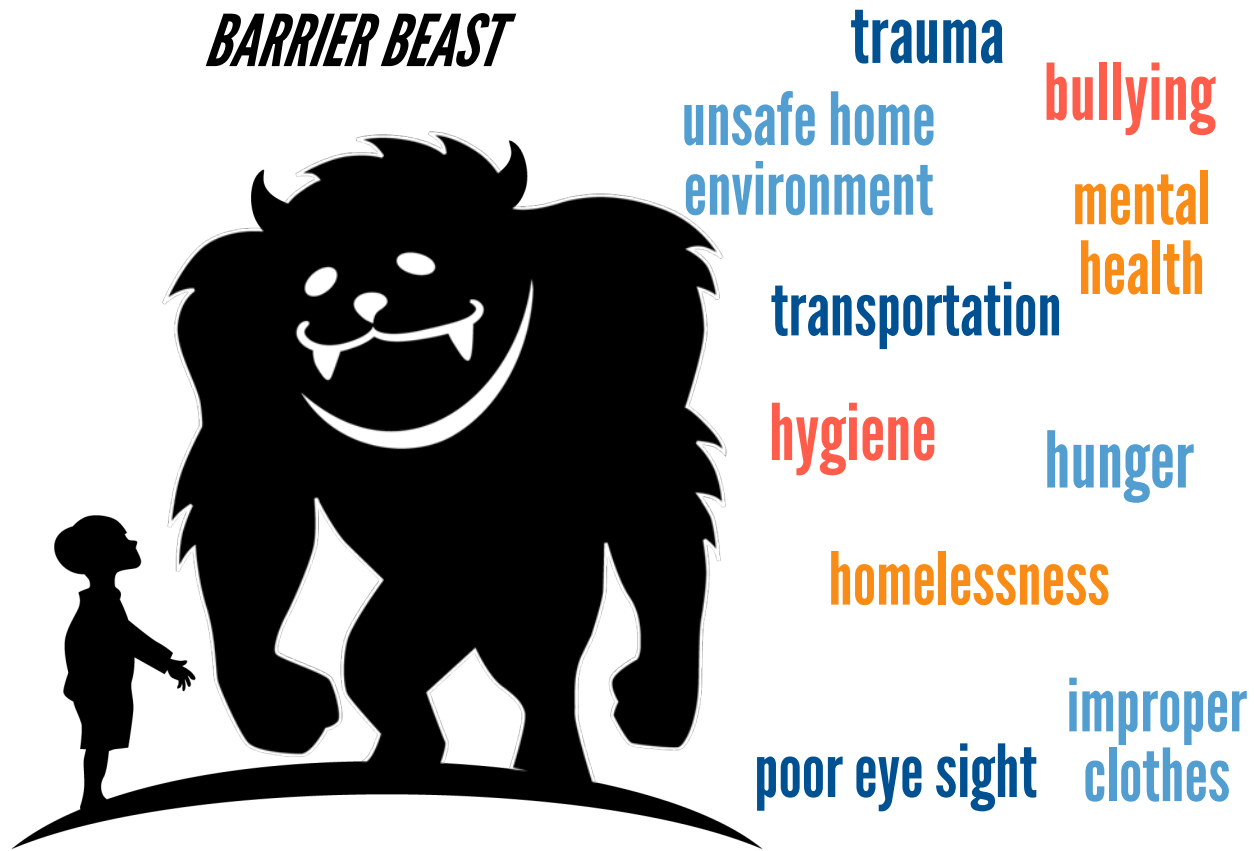


BUILDING A STRONGER ERIE COUNTY, ONE CHILD AT A TIME

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Little boys and girls cannot control their home life. Unfortunately, many face barriers that are beyond their control. United Way's community schools initiative works to remove The Barrier Beast for children in our community.



United Way's community schools initiative brings a wide-range of resources directly into the school to support students and their families, removing barriers to learning so children can be successful in school... and life!



KEY FEATURES

Community Schools rely on many partners, including school districts, social service organizations, businesses, the public sector, universities and more. Below are the key features that must exist for a successful Community School to be established.



BACKBONE ORGANIZATION – Maintains alignment, drives impact, ensures clear communication and assures that the work is being done with fidelity by all partners and meeting goals and measurements. Collaboration among multiple organizations is simple in theory, but difficult in practice. That is why United Way serves as the backbone organization for each Community School located in Erie County.



CORPORATE PARTNER – Commits to financial support for a minimum of three-year cycle; designates one (or more) employee champion to serve as liaison between corporate partner and community school, including engaging with the Community School Director to identify and oversee other employees as volunteers.



LEAD PARTNER – Community-based organization that joins the school to manage and lead the work of developing and sustaining the community school model. Employs the Community School Director (CSD). Provides some of the resources identified as high need at the school but works with the CSD to secure additional resources through other organizations.



COMMUNITY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – Works closely with the principal and Community School Leadership Team. Guides ongoing needs and resource assessment, developing the Action Plan that guides all of the non-academic activities in the school. Ensures all programming is aligned with the needs identified in the Action Plan and implemented according to a partnership agreement. This position is funded through United Way and is employed by the Lead Partner.



DATA-DRIVEN ACCOUNTABILITY – Every resource and program that is brought into the community school must be aligned with the Action Plan, developed by the Community School Director with input from partners. The Action Plan is updated regularly and ensures all activities in the school are aligned to address identified needs. Detailed strategies, action steps, outputs, outcomes, indicators, data sources and measurements are included for four domains: student, family, school and district.

