

Priority Community Health Strategies for Morgan County



Purpose: To create conditions in Morgan County that support health and wellbeing and make the healthy choice the easy choice

Leading the Way: Driven by the Morgan County Mental Health Task Force and the Better Communities Coalition



1. Education Access & Quality: Programs & Curricula



Expand Social & Emotional Learning

Scaling SEL programs across school and community settings to build emotional resilience in youth

School-Based Mental Health Programs

Establishing integrated mental health services within the school environment to reach students where they are

Continuum of Care & Trauma-Informed Support

Providing evidence-based prevention practices and culturally responsive, trauma-informed mental health care



2. Education Access & Quality: Training

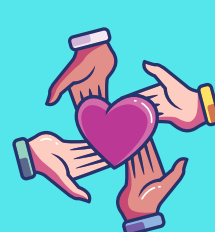


Recognizing Signs of Change

Training educators and partners to identify shifts in students mental and physical health and take appropriate action

Implement Trauma-Informed Care

Adapting TIC principles across school, medical, and community factors to improve care for youth with a history of adversity



3. Education Access & Quality: Policies & Funding



Mental Health Days & Excused Absences

Developing school policies that recognize mental health as a valid reason for an excused absence



Formalize Crisis Response

Implementing clear, consistent crisis response policies across school and community environments



Funding for School & Telemental Health

Allocating dedicated funding to increase school-based services and expand access via telemental health providers



5. Food Access & Security

Strengthen Food Access Pantry Coalition

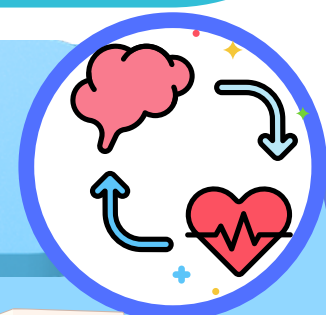
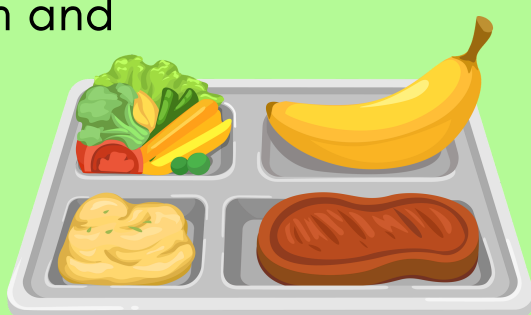
Formalizing the structure of the Morgan County Food Access Coalition to improve coordination and network diversity

Expand Community Food Programs

Scaling school meal programs, community gardens, and nutritional education initiatives

Policy Change for Local Food Systems

Pursuing environmental and systems-level changes to expand and sustain local food systems



4. Clinical and Health Services

Integrate Mental Health and Primary Care

Merging physical and behavioral health services to ensure whole-person care within the clinical system

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics

Leveraging the CCBHC model to provide comprehensive, community-based mental health and substance use treatment



6. Professional Development & Workplace

Comprehensive Care for Employees

Providing access to affordable, age-appropriate mental health care for employees and their family

Expand the Behavioral Health Workforce

Utilizing incentives and addressing postgraduate training requirements to combat the workforce shortage

Support for School Personnel

Prioritizing the mental health of school staff while simultaneously expanding the school-based workforce

