



# SCALING STUDENT SUPPORT

COORDINATING COLLABORATION AMONG MULTIPLE SCHOOLS AND  
COMMUNITY PARTNERS

# BBBSEMO - WHO WE ARE

Purpose: Partner with young people in their pursuit of a meaningful, stable, and independent life

Relationship organization serving children ages 5-25 years old- urban, suburban and rural markets

Integrated programs/services empowers 10,000+ youth in partnership with 4,000 parents and volunteers, three (3) school districts and 100+ community partners.

- One-to-One Mentoring
- Group Mentoring
- ABCToday Schools
- First Job
- Systems Navigation + Direct Aid
- Big Futures

# HISTORY OF ABCTODAY

- 2005 BBBSEMO Board of Directors challenge
- Partnered with Cape Girardeau Public Schools
- Nine months of focus groups and discussions
- Landed on ABCToday!
- 2015 began whole school model
- Now in 17 schools in 3 school districts

# ABCTODAY NETWORK

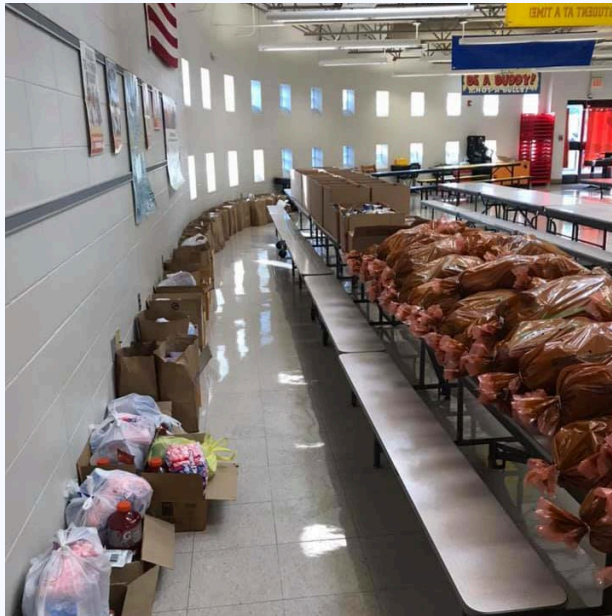
- Determined by each school and needs of the school
- Essential seats include:
  - School Leadership
  - Mentoring Partner
  - Parent/Parent Liaison
  - Faith Based Partner
  - Business Partner
  - Convener- BBBSEMO
- Additional seats:
  - Other Educational Partners
  - Other Social Service Partners



# WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR

- Each ABCToday Network meets 4 times a year
  - Kick off meeting at the beginning of the year to set strategy and priorities
  - Each quarter afterward to review all school data and make decisions
- Focus on Celebrating students and Schools for successes first
  - Ex: Letters to parents and students for Student of the Month awards, Rewards for improvement in attendance, recognition at school assemblies
- Work with schools to develop strategies to impact student performance with an emphasis on positive school culture and attendance
  - Ex: Attendance challenges, career fairs, book drives, etc.
- Constant engagement and communication with school partners to support schools

# EXAMPLES OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AT WORK IN ABCTODAY SCHOOLS



FOOD DISTRIBUTION  
DURING PANDEMIC



INDIVIDUAL STUDENT  
CELEBRATIONS



ATTENDANCE  
RECOGNITION

# ADVANCEMENTS IN WORK

- Piloting connection surveys with one school district to measure ABC (Agency, Belonging and Connection)
  - Student identifies whether or not they are connected to an adult at school, are involved in activities and know how to access resources
  - First celebrate relationships!
  - Next, school staff, ABCToday and school partners strategize building connections
  - Post-survey to measure outcomes

# SERVICES PROVIDED BY BBBSEMO TO SCHOOLS

1. Mentoring- both 1:1 and group mentoring\*
2. Targeted supports\* for students
3. Navigation and direct aid

\*Staff for these services are embedded into the schools in which services are provided



# FIRST YEAR RESULTS

|                          | Number of Responses Fall 2023 | Enrollment Fall 2023 (Q1) | Number of Responses Spring 2024 | Enrollment Spring 2024 (Q4) |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>CMS</b>               | 556                           | 599                       | 570                             | 599                         |
| <b>TWKJHS</b>            | 469                           | 573                       | 412                             | 565                         |
| <b>CHS</b>               | 947                           | 1198                      | 736                             | 1064                        |
| <b>All Three Schools</b> | <b>1972</b>                   | <b>2370</b>               | <b>1718</b>                     | <b>2228</b>                 |

|                          | % "Yes" Trusted Adult Fall 2023 | % "Yes" Trusted Adult Spring 2024 | % "No" Fall 2023 - "Yes" Spring 2024 (Trusted Adult) |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>CMS</b>               | 73%                             | 85%                               | 19%  |
| <b>TWKJHS</b>            | 72%                             | 75%                               | 14%  |
| <b>CHS</b>               | 76%                             | 77%                               | 10%  |
| <b>All Three Schools</b> | <b>74%</b>                      | <b>79%</b>                        | <b>14%</b>   |

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