CEB’s Response to COVID-19

During the COVID-19 pandemic shut down, the Community Education Building (CEB) provided extensive wrap-around support to youth and their families including student meals, food deliveries, support with internet access, housing support, employment/career services, access to health services and support with other necessities.

Direct Family & Crisis Support

- We actively serve 335 families through the FRC, including 102 new families since April 2020.
- In lieu of onsite laundry access provided prepaid laundry cards for local laundromats to 25 families.
- Employment
  - Individual assistance navigating unemployment applications.
  - One-on-one resume and job application support.
  - Connected 20 parents with specific career opportunities and resources.
- Stable Housing
  - Assisted 17 families with housing placement by December 2020.
  - Provided virtual and in person workshops – Know Your Rights and Go Ask the Landlord series.
  - Provided emergency utilities assistance.
- Chromebook Campaign: Fundraised to donate 100 Chromebooks to schools for their students to access remote education in April 2020.
- Internet Support: utilizing available internet access opportunities and hotspots to connect families.
  - Connected 85 families who did not have access.
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Education, Engagement & Student Supports

- **Learning Commons Library**
  - Provided students in 5 charter schools with access to an expansive digital library.
  - Provided technology integration support to educators.
  - Delivered weekly digital lessons to all K-8 students.
  - Wrote computer science modules for grades 3-5 in DE with the CS4DE Consortium.
  - Served as a Teacher Ambassador for Chibitronics, a national STEM provider melding art and electronics.

- **WAVE Summer Programming:**
  - Provided virtual summer programming for 70 middle and high school students in Wilmington from 18 participating organizations in 2020. Provided summer programming for 160 students from 7 different schools in 2021.
  - Partnered with Summer Youth Employment Program, Delaware Futures, and United Way to provide professional and leadership experience incentivized through their paid programs.
  - Small group learning, SEL, and college/career support.

- **WAVE Learning Pods:**
  - 21 pods across state in partnership with BGCA and many Delaware schools including over 300 students in school year 2020-2021.

- Provided remote and hybrid learning support services through:
  - LINC Spring: remote and hybrid blended learning PD platform including live coaching, self-paced supports focusing on specific technical and pedagogical gaps for educators and school leaders.
  - Transcend & Always Ready to Learn: connecting schools to other useful & free Student Engagement Assistance: CEB providing supports to help locate and engage partner schools’ disengaged youth.
  - Art kits from the CEB Library and Delaware Institute for Arts in Education (DiAE) provided to student 2x/week throughout the summer.

Food Security

- Meals for Students- over 9,300 meals a week.
- Community Feeding at the CEB: Free, packaged meals are available to any child 18 and under at the CEB. Breakfast and lunch are available 3 days a week in the morning and afternoon. Serve an average of 150 children from the community and students in the WAVE pods on site.
- Served 2,595 meals to children from the Walnut Street YMCA at the CEB during summer 2020.
- Providing student meals to families during parent pick up.
- Meals delivered to homes during remote only instruction including 3 schools, 3 bus companies, 500 families- 18 routes, over 160 stops, over 2,000 packaged meals delivered 3 times a week.
- Delivered food and supply boxes to families through CEB’s Food Pantry.
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Health & Wellness
- Mobile Health Unit at the CEB in collaboration with St. Francis & UD.
- Provided weekly COVID testing for CEB and school staff (since November 2020, prior to DOE provided testing).
- UD Undergraduate Nursing students are on site 4-5 days a week and provide support to school nurse with physicals, screenings, records management, immunizations, and COVID-19 supports.
- Hosted multiple community vaccination events at the CEB in partnership with healthcare providers.
- Provided on-site health care services, removing barriers to access caused by lack of transportation and/or lack of parent availability.
  - 100% of students on-site during remote and hybrid learning received health screenings and those who needed physicals and immunizations received them.
  - Reduced out of class time
  - Removed the responsibility of chronic and acute care from our school nurses overwhelmed with COVID care.

Preparing the Building
- COVID Safety Entry Procedures:
  - Upon entry all must adhere to temperature screenings, health self-certification questionnaire, strict mask adherence, physical distancing, and use of hand sanitizer.
- Building Modifications:
  - Installation of hand sanitizers in all high traffic areas.
  - Installation of mobile hand washing stations for cafeteria and shared spaces.
  - Upgrade of all ventilation filters.
  - Signage installed to show how to properly wear masks, physical distance, and new traffic patterns.
  - Increased janitorial services for increased cleaning.
  - Installation of GPS air ionization system on school floors.
- Isolated the Health Center ventilation system to be separate from the rest of the building.