

Life Learning Academy

Implementation Plan

Overview & Vision

LLA, as a community school, supports students through our Community Care model, providing security, stability, and a sense of belonging. We address our students' holistically, focusing on academic achievement, social-emotional growth, identity formation, life skills, job training and a safe environment for all.

Our Community School vision is achieved by:

- Valuing social-emotional learning and restorative practices
- Providing culturally responsive programs, services, and workforce development
- Offering no-cost therapy, no-fee housing, and alumni support
- Fostering shared decision-making through a Community Advisory Council

Goals

1. Enhance authentic family, community engagement, and shared decision-making through the successful launch and integration of the Family Advisory Committee (FAC) and the Community Advisory Council (CAC)
2. Integrate civic engagement into Community Schools pedagogy to build and sustain youth voices in our programming and develop leadership skills to promote civic participation.
3. Expand and strengthen partnerships with community-based organizations to enhance a wide range of supports and opportunities for students, including culturally responsive programming.

Key Strategies

1. *Shared commitment*: Implement a Community Advisory Council with youth, family, and staff committees
2. *Community-based learning*: Provide relevant curriculum integrating academics, workforce development, and social-emotional learning
3. *Collaborative leadership*: Formalize shared decision-making through the CAC
4. *Staff sustainability*: Focus on recruiting qualified staff, emphasizing retention, and securing long-term funding
5. *Strategic partnerships*: Leverage existing and new partnerships for comprehensive student support

LLA's community school model will provide responsive, evidence-based practices and support for all students. Placing value on social-emotional learning and restorative practices, LLA strives to meet the whole-child needs of every LLA student.