



APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT &
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

OUTAGAMIE COUNTY POPULATION = 191,545

- Appleton, Kaukauna, New London, Seymour, Freedom, Combined Locks, Greenville, Hortonville, Kimberly, Little Chute, Shiocton, Wrightstown

APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT POPULATION = 15,282

- 15 elementary schools
- 4 middle schools
- 3 high schools
- 13 charter schools
- 1 magnet school

HISTORY

- Truancy court
 - Collaboration between Outagamie County Courts and Appleton Area School District beginning in 2009
 - Outagamie County Youth & Family Services was not involved
 - Truancy cases went through truancy court and referrals were no longer made to YFS
 - Truancy court was discontinued in December 2018



PRIOR RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND COUNTY

- Disconnect...
 - School district thinking county is not doing enough
 - County thinking school district is not doing enough before referring
- Lack of communication between the two, resulting in inaccurate views on what was happening
- Lack of partnership in supporting students and families



OUTAGAMIE COUNTY INNOVATION GRANT

- Start of Innovation Grant coincided with new Appleton Area School District Attendance Coordinator position
- Goal: Reduce the number of youth referred to the juvenile justice system for truancy through a community coordinated effort. At the start of the 22-23 school year, this grant targeted middle and high school students from the Appleton Area School District. The grant has been expanded this school year to other school districts across Outagamie County.



OUTAGAMIE COUNTY INNOVATION GRANT, CONT.



ATTENDANCE
CAMPAIGN



INCENTIVES



CHECK &
CONNECT



GAS CARDS



8TH TO 9TH
GRADE
TRANSITION

- WARNS assessment - used by Outagamie County intake and ongoing workers
- Truancy summit - February 2024



APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT ATTENDANCE COORDINATOR

- Collaboration with Outagamie County Youth & Family Services
 - Monthly meetings between school district staff and YFS staff to discuss things that are going well, challenges, updates, and data sharing
 - Monthly “office hours” at YFS to collaborate with intake workers and ongoing workers on open cases
 - Attendance at all truancy intake meetings, along with a representative from the referring school
- Middle school Attendance Education Lessons - partnership/presentation by school district, Appleton Police Department, and Outagamie County YFS

