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- Continuing the implementation of TEEM Gateway 'One Stop Center' with Essex County Juvenile Justice System and Newark Police Department
- Implementing the Bridge to Recovery's Internet-based WEBUS client management system to support the responsive referral process

#### The SS/HS Initiative will also:

- Fully implement Advisory in the middle schools to increase students' bond to responsible adults
- Effectively implement evidence-based prevention curriculum to instill healthy decision-making skills
- Increase school and community use of the eYES Newark website (www.eyesnewark.com) to access available services with Covenant House
- Implement the Connect with Kids media outreach campaign to engage parents and the community with the SS/HS initiative along with the NPS Office of Community Development
- Install video surveillance equipment and 2-way radios in all schools to increase the safety of students within, to and from school in collaboration with NPS Department of Security Services



### **VICTORY Schools and Sites**

21 VICTORY Schools and Alternative Education sites will receive Violence and Substance Abuse Intervention through Counseling, Training and Optimizing Resources for Youth:

Barringer High School **Belmont Runyon** Bragaw Burnet St. Camden Middle Clinton Ave. Dayton St. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. William Horton East Side High School George Washington Carver Gladys Hillman Jones Hawthorne Ave. Luis Munoz Marin Miller St. Morton St. Malcolm X Shabazz High School **Pathways** Peshine Ave. Rafael Hernandez Renaissance Sites Suspension on Site Academy **TEEM Gateway Twilight Sites** Vailsburg Middle William Brown Academy

The SS/HS initiative plans to sustain these resources beyond the grant-funded period, providing these resources to all Newark Public Schools.





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# Working Together

Safety and health must be an integral part of every school. Without question, it is everyone's responsibility. Each teacher, parent, administrator, support staff, student, and community member has potential to contribute to its improvement. It is the goal of the Safe Schools/Healthy Students (SS/HS) initiative to create an environment that optimizes the opportunities for safe and healthy learners in each of our schools.

## SS/HS Grant Background

The SS/HS grant program is a unique Federal collaboration among the US Departments of Education, Justice, and Health and Human Services.

### **Federal Mandates**

Through the federal funds provided by the SS/HS initiative, we must:

- Improve/increase services to "atrisk" children and their families
- Link child-serving agencies in a consistent and complementary way
- Decrease violence, drug abuse, and school disciplinary activity
- Increase the healthy development of children

#### 6 Core Elements

All SS/HS grantees must link and integrate 6 core elements in a comprehensive approach to violence prevention and healthy development that reflects an overall vision for the community:

- Safe school environment
- Violence, alcohol, and other drug prevention and early intervention
- School and community mental health preventive and treatment intervention services
- Early childhood psychosocial and emotional development services
- Connecting schools and community
- Safe school policies





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One of the SS/HS Initiative's objectives is to bridge the case management gaps within the schools and community for at-risk students through a responsive referral process and to promote the students' emotional resiliency. To achieve this, the SS/HS initiative is:

- Partnering with UMDNJ/UBHC (University Behavioral Health Care) & CIS (Communities in Schools) to improve access to mental health services for students and families
- Increasing the capacity of *Integrity Inc.'s* PIE (Prevention Intervention and Education) program for early substance abuse intervention services
- Training & collaborating with NPS
  Early Childhood PRC (Pupil Intervention
  Resource Committee) staff to identify
  and respond to the special needs of
  pre-schoolers from families impacted
  by substance abuse
- Providing additional resources to NPS
   Truancy Task Force to increase the attendance of at-risk students
- Partnering with the Newark North Jersey Committee of Black Clergy to connect youth violating the city-wide curfew (and their families) to schoolbased services

