

On the Path to Linked Learning: Creating Student Career Pathways in Health and Human Services

# Wellness Centers





## Linked Learning

Linked Learning is an innovative approach to high school reform that seeks to prepare students for both college and career by connecting learning in the classroom with realworld applications in the workplace.

Students enrolled in a Linked Learning pathway enter into a program of study that integrates academic content with technical and 21<sup>st</sup> century skills within a career-based theme

# Components of Linked Learning

- A rigorous academic core emphasizing real-world applications,
- A technical component that meets industry standards,
- Work-based learning, and
- Personalized student supports (academic, emotional and social, college and career guidance).









## Creating Pathways

Partnership Development Work-Based Learning Career Awareness Career Exploration Career Preparation Career Training

#### Partnership Development

Pre-Planning
Recruitment Strategies
Getting Started

\*\*Based on the Pillar Partnership Handbook: A guide to assist schools and Small Learning Communities in developing business-education partnerships to support school goals and improve student outcomes.

#### Career Awareness

Career Day/Fair Industry Presentations Workplace Tours/Field Trips

#### Career Exploration

Classroom Speaker Series

Career and Technical Student Organizations

#### **Career Preparation**

Project-based Learning Social Enterprises for Learning Service Learning Career Training Job Shadowing Internships Student Mentoring

Adapted from Work-Based Learning in Linked Learning: Definitions, Outcomes and Quality Criteria 2012

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Career Preparation
Project-based Learning
Social Enterprises for Learning
Service Learning



Career Training ➤ Job Shadowing ➤ Internships ➤ Student Mentoring



#### Making the Connections

#### Wellness Centers in LAUSD









#### Health Indicators

Poverty – Free and Reduced Lunch, Health Enrollment

- Teen Pregnancy
- Exposure to Trauma
- STI/STD
- Obesity (failed fitness test)

#### Who operates our Wellness Centers



- Physicians
- Nurse Practitioners
- Medical Assistants
- Psychiatrists
- Social Workers
- Nutritionists
- Therapists

### WBL Activities at Wellness Centers

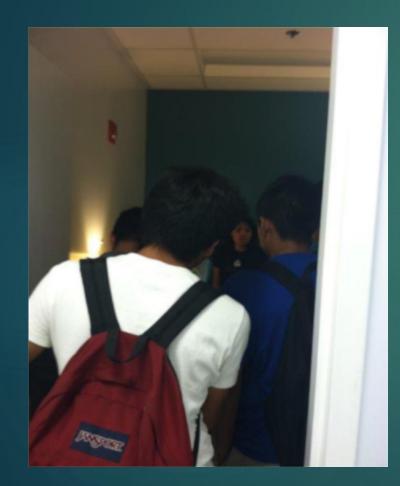
- Gage Middle School
- Belmont High School
- Jefferson High School







### Wellness Center Student Tours



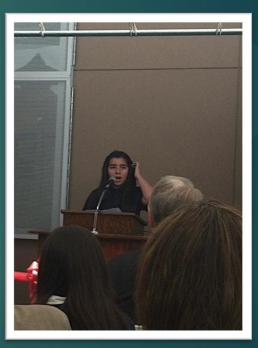
- Students learn about available Health and Mental Health Services
- Students learn about stress management and coping skills
- Students learn and ask about the Social Work profession
- Students meet with health professionals

## Developing Youth Advisory Boards



Health Advocate Council





Student Speaks about obesity and impact on student health

#### Classroom Presentations

Health and mental health professionals visit student classrooms

Student ask probing questions about the different professions

Students learn about education and preparation needed for the different fields

#### Career Day

Wellness Center staff and other community partners are invited

Booths are set up in the multipurpose room

Students visit booths during scheduled visits and interact with health and mental health professionals

### Project Based Learning

NHF – PAR Project
 TPA Health Advocates Project
 Mental Health Pilot Project



#### Career Training and Preparation

Service Learning

Outreach

Covered CA

Clerical

Wellness Center Paid/Unpaid Internships

#### WBL Planning and Q & A

THANK YOU