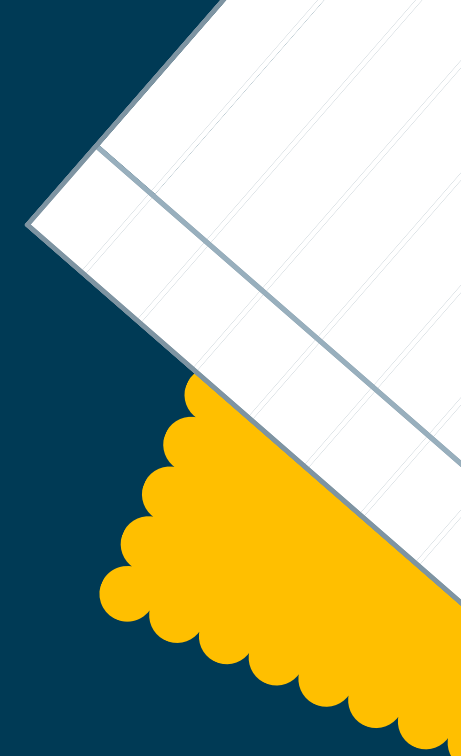


Bridging K-12 Education and Postsecondary Success

Highlighting the essential role of FRYSC in student achievement

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Understanding the FRYSC Role in Educational Success

Holistic support addressing **non-academic barriers** to achievement.

Innovative partnerships with **higher education** for student readiness.



Success stories highlighting the impact on **underserved students**.

Actionable strategies for collaboration across **educational institutions**.



FRYSC Mission Statement:

To enhance students' ability to succeed in school by developing and sustaining partnerships that promote:

- Early learning and successful transition to school;
- Academic achievement and well-being; and
- Graduation and transition into adult life.

FRYSC Vision:

The Kentucky Division of Family Resource and Youth Services Centers in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall sustain the national standard of excellence in the provision of school-based family support through continuous quality improvement.

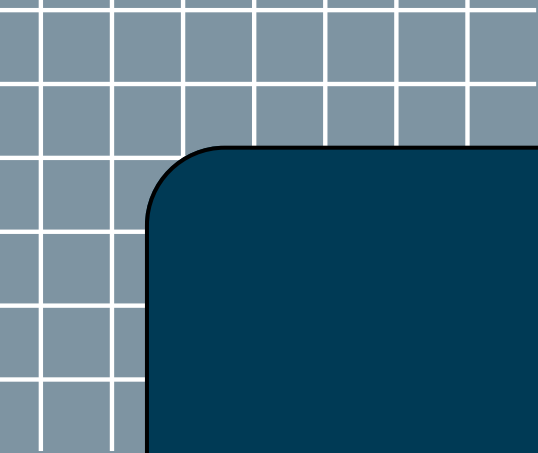


Building strong connections between families and schools.

Innovative Partnerships for Student Readiness

The **collaboration between FRYSC and local universities** creates a powerful support system that enhances student readiness. By leveraging resources and expertise, these partnerships offer students tailored programs that address specific academic and non-academic needs. For example, tutoring sessions, mentorship programs, and college prep workshops are provided to improve student outcomes. These initiatives not only foster academic skills but also build confidence, ensuring that students are more prepared for higher education challenges. Such joint efforts help to create a seamless transition from K-12 to postsecondary education, promoting long-term success.





Addressing Non-Academic Barriers to Success

Exploring impactful strategies to support students' holistic needs and enhance educational outcomes for all.



Comprehensive Support Services

FRYSC provides essential resources, including clothing/hygiene/food, healthcare, mental/behavioral health referrals, family engagement programs, and more to address diverse student needs effectively.

Innovative Partnerships

Collaborations with local colleges, enhance student readiness, connecting K-12 students to postsecondary opportunities through mentorship and resources.

Success Stories

Real-life examples from Kentucky illustrate how FRYSC initiatives have led to increased college access and persistence for underserved students.



Success Stories from Kentucky: Evidence-Based Results

ACT Prep Workshops – after school education support

Shelby County High School YSC

South Central High School (SCHS) saw a decline in average ACT scores from 2017 to 2022, with a slight increase of 0.9 points in 2023, though scores remain below the 2018 level and 2.2 points below the 2023 Kentucky state average of 18.7.

To address this, the Youth Services Center (YSC) partnered with SCHS teachers to offer free ACT prep workshops in English, Reading, and Math during fall and spring semesters. These workshops aimed to boost subject knowledge and test-taking strategies.

Results from spring 2024 ACT scores showed strong improvements among participants:

- Reading: 76% improved (avg. increase 2.2 points), with 36% increasing by 3+ points
- Math: 93% improved (avg. increase 2.6 points), with 53% increasing by 3+ points
- English: 76% improved (avg. increase 2 points), with 47% increasing by 3+ points
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Overall, the average composite ACT score for SCHS increased from 16.5 in 2022–23 to 17.4 in 2023–24.



Success Stories from Kentucky: Evidence-Based Results

Senior College Campus Visits & FAFSA Completion

Pleasure Ridge Park High School YSC, Jefferson County

In response to students' and families' need for college planning and FAFSA guidance, PRP High School's FRYSC Coordinator and counselors organized targeted college visits and hosted a FAFSA Completion Night. As a result, FAFSA completion in 2024 increased from 53% to 55%—surpassing the state average—and families reported greater confidence in navigating the college process, including applications, scholarships, and financial aid.



Success Stories from Kentucky: Evidence-Based Results

College Road Trips

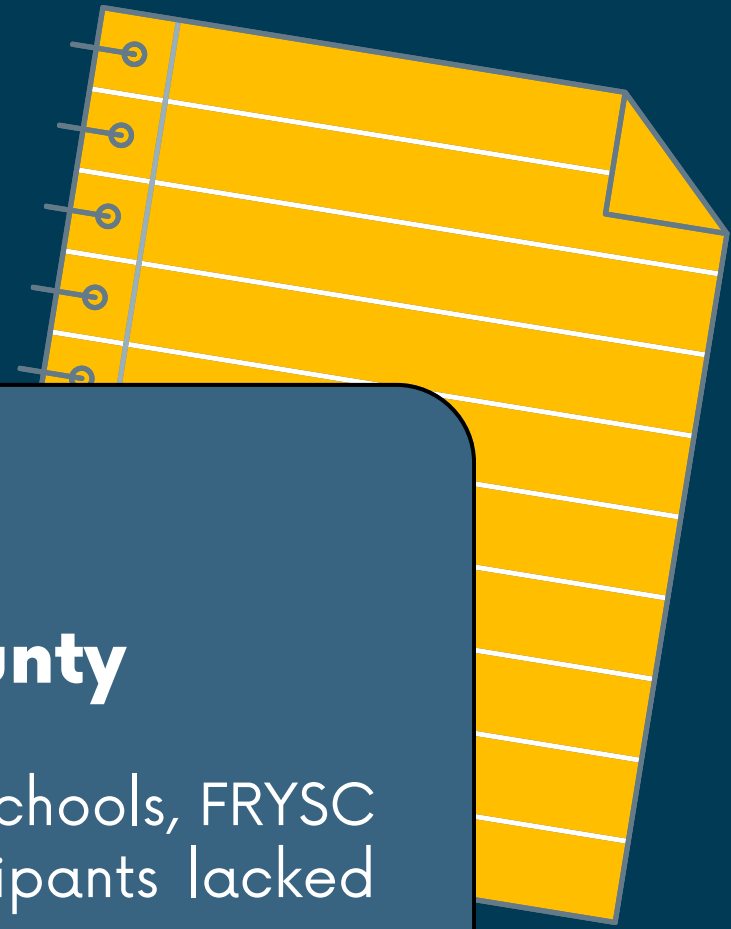
Dixie Heights YSC, Scott HS YSC, Simon Kenton YSC, Kenton County

To support first-generation and low-income students at Dixie, Scott, and Simon Kenton High Schools, FRYSC and Youth Services Coordinators organized College Road Trips in June 2023. Many participants lacked access to college visits and had limited knowledge about admissions and financial aid.

Over three weeks, students visited 11 colleges across Kentucky and Ohio, attended admissions presentations, and participated in a financial aid session led by KHEAA. Post-trip assessments showed major gains:

- 90% understood the college application process (up from 59%)
- 70% understood financial aid (up from 52%)
- Confidence on college campuses rose from 74% to 90%

The experience empowered students to better navigate their postsecondary options and plan for their futures.



Success Stories from Kentucky: Evidence-Based Results

Sharp College & Career Week 2024

North FRYSC, Pendleton County

To address a lack of awareness around postsecondary options, Sharp Middle School and the Northern FRYSC implemented a 5-day College and Career Week for grades 6–8. Prior to the event, many students were unsure about attending college (46.2%) or vocational school (79.4%) and needed support in connecting their academic choices to future goals.

The week featured engaging activities including virtual college tours, a vocational school visit, a Career Café with 30+ career options, and daily themed events to build excitement. Students explored potential paths, learned about postsecondary options, and connected classroom learning to real-world outcomes.

Impact:

- 96.7% of students gained clarity on their post-high school goals
- 85.9% now believe college is a viable option
- 75.1% better understand vocational education
- Over half reported thinking more seriously about their future

This early intervention is helping students take ownership of their educational and career pathways.



Supporting First-Generation and Underserved Students

The Family Resource and Youth Services Centers (FRYSC) are committed to **empowering first-generation and underserved students**. By providing holistic support that addresses both academic and non-academic barriers, we ensure that every student has access to the resources needed for success. Our innovative partnerships with higher education institutions enhance student readiness, fostering persistence and achievement. Through targeted outreach and tailored programs, we strive to create an inclusive environment where all students can thrive and reach their full potential.

Holistic Wraparound Services: Addressing Key Student Factors

Below are the essential components of holistic support

Social Factors Impacting Student Success

- Access to counseling services
- Family engagement initiatives
- Safe school environments

Economic Factors Influencing Education Access

- Financial aid and scholarship programs
- Affordable transportation solutions
- Access to basic needs resources



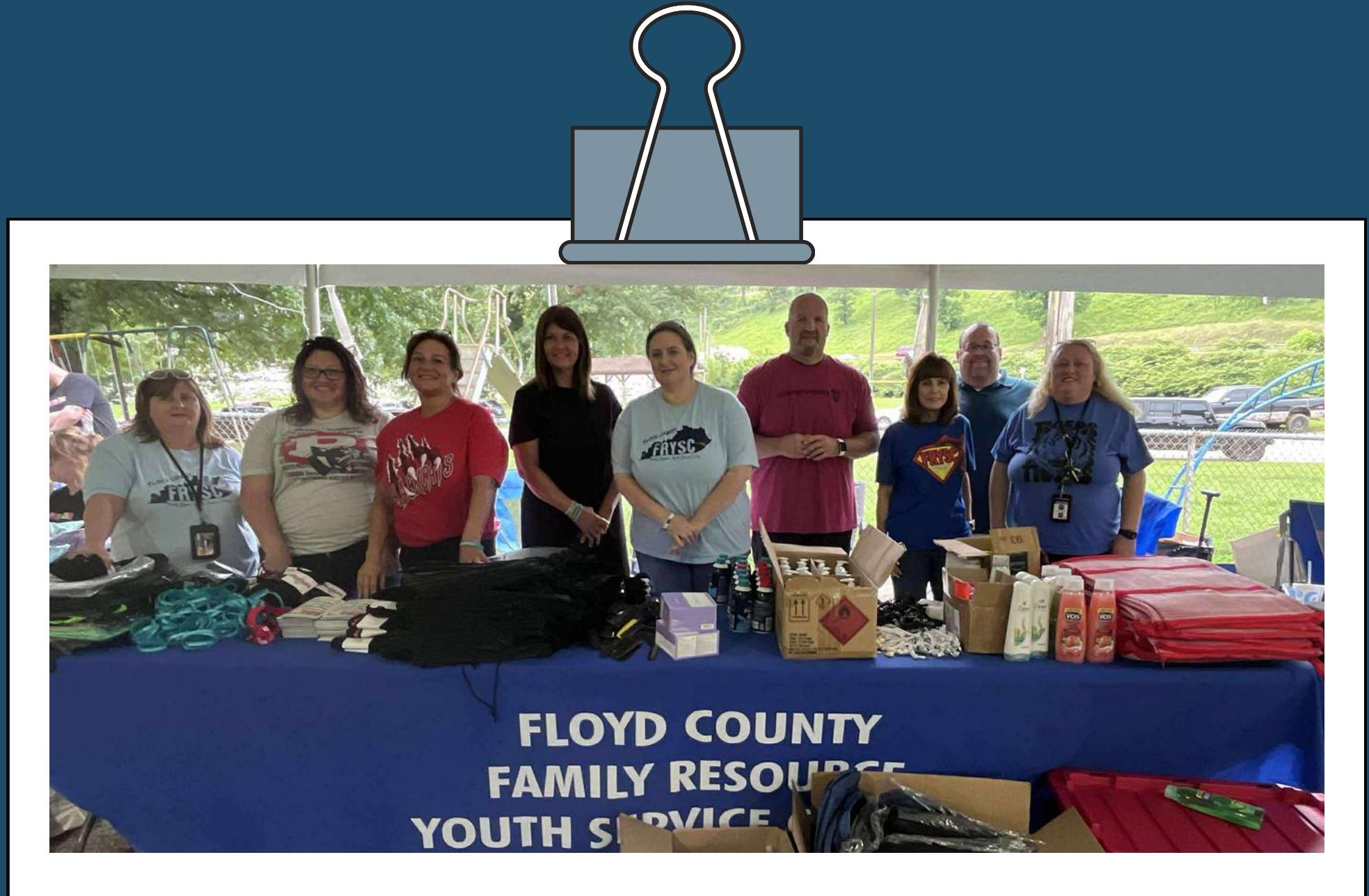
Adapting FRYSC Principles for Enhanced Postsecondary Student Support

This comparison highlights **shared benefits** between FRYSC principles and postsecondary support systems.

Focus on K–12 support and student-family engagement

Both emphasize holistic services addressing student needs and promoting success

Tailored strategies for college readiness and persistence in higher education



These images represent **collaborative efforts** among students, families, schools, and community members highlighting the importance of promoting educational equity and addressing needs..

Thank You for Joining Us Today!

Here are the next steps for
collaboration and engagement.

- Connect with FRYSC for collaboration opportunities
- Explore resources for student support initiatives
- Attend future summits for best practices
- Share success stories within your community
- Advocate for educational equity and accessibility

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