

WESTBROOK CHILDREN'S PROJECT

The Secret Sauce: Our Community Partners and Volunteers

The Westbrook Children's Project is a partnership of schools, parents, youth, businesses, community organizations, and residents. We are united around supporting our children as they enter and go through school—making sure they stay on track and have the support they need to graduate from high school and reach their full potential.



Partners

We are grateful to the local organizations that support WCP strategies in myriad ways, including financial support, in-kind donations, volunteerism, and sharing knowledge and resources.

21st Century Community Learning Center

Acadia Insurance Company

Avesta Housing

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Southern Maine

Child Development Services—Reach, City of Westbrook

City of Westbrook

Community Partnership for Protecting Children

Feels Like Home Childcare Center

Husson University Southern Maine

Intercultural Community Center

Maine College Circle

My Place Teen Center

Northeast Hearing and Speech

One Westbrook

The Opportunity Alliance

P&C Insurance

People's United Bank, Westbrook Branch

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United Way of Greater Portland

University of Southern Maine

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Walker Memorial Library

Westbrook Community Center

Westbrook Housing Authority

Westbrook Partners for Prevention

Westbrook Police Department

Westbrook School Department

Woodfords Family Services



WCP Steering Committee

Our steering committee helps guide community-wide efforts to provide the academic, social, and emotional support Westbrook youth need to succeed from cradle to career.

Jennifer Burns, Senior Director Education, Community Impact, United Way of Greater Portland

Anthony Dahms, Children's Program Coordinator, Westbrook Community Center

Alex Hughes, Director, Westbrook Partners for Prevention

Peter Lancia, PhD, Superintendent of Schools, Westbrook School Department

Allyson Lowell, Director of Program Services, Woodfords Family Services

Mary Madden, Director Evaluation, United Way of Greater Portland

Louise Marsden, VP for Family & Childhood Education, The Opportunity Alliance

Nathanna McGivney, Regional Director of Outpatient & Community Services, Cumberland County, Spurwink

Doug Patrick, Director of Case Management & Behavioral Health Services, Woodfords Family Services

Regina Phillips, Coordinator of Grants & Community Engagement, Westbrook School Department

Kara Reiman, Youth Services Librarian, Walker Memorial Library



Data and Continuous Improvement Committee

This committee collects and analyzes data to identify needs and inform strategies to more effectively serve Westbrook youth.

Kate Hersom, Director of Student Assessment and Intervention, Westbrook School Department

Alex Hughes, Director, Westbrook Partners for Prevention

Mary Madden, Director of Evaluation, United Way of Greater Portland

Brian Mazjanis, Principal, Saccharappa School, Westbrook School Department

Jodi Mezzanatte, Assistant Superintendent, Westbrook School Department

Anita Pettit, Data Specialist, Westbrook School Department

Regina Phillips, Coordinator of Grants and Community Engagement, Westbrook School Department

Flynn Ross, Associate Professor, Teacher Education, University of Southern Maine

“The Westbrook Children's Project has created a powerful network of support that is focused on the success of all children. The strength of the Project lies in the deep and lasting partnerships across the entire community that help Westbrook children, youth, and families thrive.”

**— Peter Lancia, Superintendent
Westbrook School District**



WESTBROOK CHILDREN'S PROJECT WORK GROUPS

A Network of Partners Working For Youth Success

Our five work groups are comprised of community volunteers and partners. Each work group develops and implements a data-driven action plan to achieve these goals.

Early Childhood Advisory Group

Outcome: Children enter kindergarten meeting benchmarks.

Darlene Bruns, Westbrook Vocational Center, Early Childhood Occupation Instructor

Bethany Carragher, Assistant Director of Special Services, Westbrook School Department

Susan Carroll, Director of CDA Development Center, The Opportunity Alliance

Kevin Dean, Head Start and Early Head Start, The Opportunity Alliance

Brooke Gordon, Senior Case Manager, Woodfords Family Services

Hannah Gundersdorf, Kindergarten Teacher, Westbrook School Department

Karlene Hafemann, Community Health Promotion Specialist, City of Portland Public Health Division

Peter Lancia, PhD, Superintendent of Schools, Westbrook School Department

Pam Leo, Book Fairy Pantry Project

Laurie Mack, Executive Director, Northeast Hearing and Speech

Jodi Mezzanotte, Assistant Superintendent, Westbrook School Department

Kara Reiman, Youth Services Librarian, Walker Memorial Library

Sasha Shunk, Shunk Child Care

Jennifer Murphy Wescott, Feels Like Home Day Daycare

Kathy Young, Children's Programming, Westbrook Community Center

Early Grade Success Work Group

Outcome: Children are proficient in reading and math by the 4th grade.

Veronica Bates, Westbrook School Committee

Vicki Hebert, Canal School Principal

Kellie Hooper-Bressler, Westbrook Schools Literacy Specialist

Christine Johnson, Westbrook Gorham Kiwanis

Peter Lancia, PhD, Superintendent, Westbrook School Department

Brian Mazjanis, Saccharappa School Principal

Andrea Stultz, Westbrook Schools Math Coach

Becki Wellman, Westbrook Schools Literacy Specialist

Middle School Success Work Group

Outcome: Children in middle school demonstrate positive student engagement in school and community. Staff and community members support students' social and emotional development.

Janet Caner, Community Volunteer

Timissa Chambers, Program Coordinator, My Place Teen Center

Alex Hughes, Director, Westbrook Partners for Prevention

Jodi Mezzanotte, Assistant Superintendent, Westbrook School Department

Stephanie Nicoson, Community Impact Manager, Education, United Way Greater Portland

Doug Patrick, Director of Case Management & Behavioral Health Services, Woodfords Family Services

Regina Phillips, Coordinator of Grants & Community Engagement, Westbrook Schools

Flynn Ross, Ed.D. Associate Professor, Teacher Education, University of Southern Maine

Laurie Wood, Principal, Westbrook Middle School

Out-of-School Time Work Group

Outcome: Children and youth engage in high quality out-of-school programming.

Johanna Albanese, Program Coordinator, Westbrook Partners for Prevention

Anthony Dahms, Children's Program Coordinator, Westbrook Community Center

Timissa Chambers, Program Coordinator, My Place Teen Center

Mary Emerson, Nutrition Director, Westbrook Schools

Kate Hersom, Director of Student Assessment and Intervention, Westbrook School Department

Brian Mazjanis, Principal, Saccharappa School, Westbrook School Department

Megan Perry, Community Policing Liaison, Westbrook Police Department

Kara Reiman, Youth Services Librarian, Walker Memorial Library

Mike Russell, Program Director, Westbrook High School 21st Century Community Learning Center

Brittney Sampson, Community Builder, Westbrook, CPPC

Marguerite Walz, Resident Service Coordinator, Avesta Housing

Westbrook Partners for Prevention Coalition (formerly Westbrook Communities That Care)

Outcomes: Children and youth refrain from unhealthy behaviors. Family and community members support positive youth development.

Johanna Albanese, Program Coordinator, Westbrook Partners for Prevention

Kim Capone-Sprague, Supervisor, Kids Peace

Anthony Dahms, Children's Program Coordinator, Westbrook Community Center

Emily DaSilva, The Opportunity Alliance

Timissa Chambers, Program Coordinator, My Place Teen Center

Bruce Dyer, Substance Abuse Counselor, Westbrook School Department

James Farrenkopf, School Resource Officer

Joel Glocker, Accountant, Acadia Insurance

Kate Hersom, Director of Student Assessment and Intervention, Westbrook School Department

Peter Lancia, PhD, Superintendent of Schools, Westbrook School Department

Sandy Mailman, School Resource Officer, Westbrook Police Department

Jodi Mezzanotte, Assistant Superintendent, Westbrook School Department

Michelle Morel, Owner, Confocal Communications

Stephanie Nicoson, Community Impact Manager, Education, United Way Greater Portland

Bridget O'Connor, Program Coordinator, The Opportunity Alliance

Chad Perrault, Pastor, Vineyard Church

Megan Perry, Community Policing Liaison, Westbrook Police Department

Regina Phillips, Coordinator of Grants & Community Engagement, Westbrook Schools

Mike Russell, Program Director, Westbrook High School 21st Century Community Learning Center

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