

## Community Partnerships

Community Partnerships, Inc. is a nonprofit organization serving children with mental health concerns. We believe in using a “wraparound” approach when working with children and their families which includes:

- Promoting child & family strengths
- Valuing family voice, culture, and beliefs
- Providing individualized care
- Team-based collaboration
- Pursuing community-based resources and natural supports
- Ensuring continuity of care
- Setting measurable goals and celebrating success



## JMM Student Services

James Madison Memorial High School Student Services staff work to help all students with in-school or out-of-school concerns.

Our goal is to make sure students succeed academically, socially, and as they connect with post-high school options. JMM Student Services staff meet early and often with Engagement Project students to help build positive and personal relationships.

*The Engagement Project was conceptualized by the Children's Mental Health Collaborative, and is a partnership between Community Partnerships, the Madison Metropolitan School District, and Memorial High School.*



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## The Engagement Project



*Helping teens and their parents find their place, connect with others, and feel success at Memorial High School.*

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# Entering High School is a big step...

*Social, emotional, and behavioral challenges often prove to be barriers to academic success and to high school graduation. The Engagement Project is designed to support students with these challenges, and their families, through the first two years of high school using an individualized and personal approach.*

## The Engagement Project can help...

### Program Overview

The Engagement Project supports students with emotional and behavioral difficulties to successfully transition from middle school to high school. We work to build bridges between schools, address family needs and concerns, and support students in forming relationships—all to promote empowerment, skill building, positive school engagement, and student attainment of a high school diploma.



### Engagement Project Services

We strive to engage students in school, leading to increased attendance, improved academic performance, and increased graduation rates.

Student services include:

- Increased and personalized support transitioning from middle school to high school (school building tours, summer contact person, etc.).
- Early and ongoing monitoring of student attendance, grades, and behavior.
- Voluntary student/school “mentor” match.
- Personalized, strength-based care coordination.
- Scholarships to attend community programs.
- Wraparound care management services for students and families in need.

Community Partnerships’ Engagement Project Coordinator serves as a family support liaison who meets with families prior to school starting to discuss concerns, offer parental support, and provide advocacy. The Engagement Project Coordinator provides ongoing, year-round support for students and families.

The Engagement Project also offers a Children’s Mental Health Course for all MMSD staff to promote understanding and increased engagement of children with mental health issues.



### Eligibility Criteria

The Engagement Project is a collaboration between Community Partnerships and the Madison Metropolitan School District, and currently only operates at James Madison Memorial (JMM) High School. Incoming JMM freshman students are identified and referred at the end of their 8th grade year by their current middle school’s student services staff.

If you have a student you would like to get involved with the Engagement Project, please contact their school guidance counselor/student services staff. You may also contact Robin Gray, Engagement Project Coordinator, at [robin.gray@commpart.org](mailto:robin.gray@commpart.org) or by phone at (608) 215-9427.