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Advocates for Children in Education

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Partnership



ACE Services

- ACE social workers provide comprehensive school social work services to parents, students and school staff, addressing barriers that keep a student from achieving their full educational potential. ACE workers respond to referrals from school administration, parents, teachers, and others by providing direct services and by assisting families in accessing appropriate community resources.



Staffing and Population Served

- 4 school social workers
 - 2 are licensed clinical social workers
 - 1 will be provisionally licensed as of May
- Population
 - Kindergarten through 12th graders in the 9 Hickory Public Schools
 - Referrals for ACE services are through a school counselor or administrator
 - Students in foster care or otherwise involved with the child welfare continuum are referred to the program.



Services Provided

- Attend and participate in school meetings.
- Address student attendance with students and parents.
- Assist the school court intervention for attendance.
- Develop and implement professional development trainings.



Services Provided

- Provide crisis intervention
- Provide psycho-educational groups.
- Assist with address verification.
- Conduct home visits.
- Maintain an ongoing information about community agencies and other resources available to meet student needs.
- Refer parents and student to outside providers.



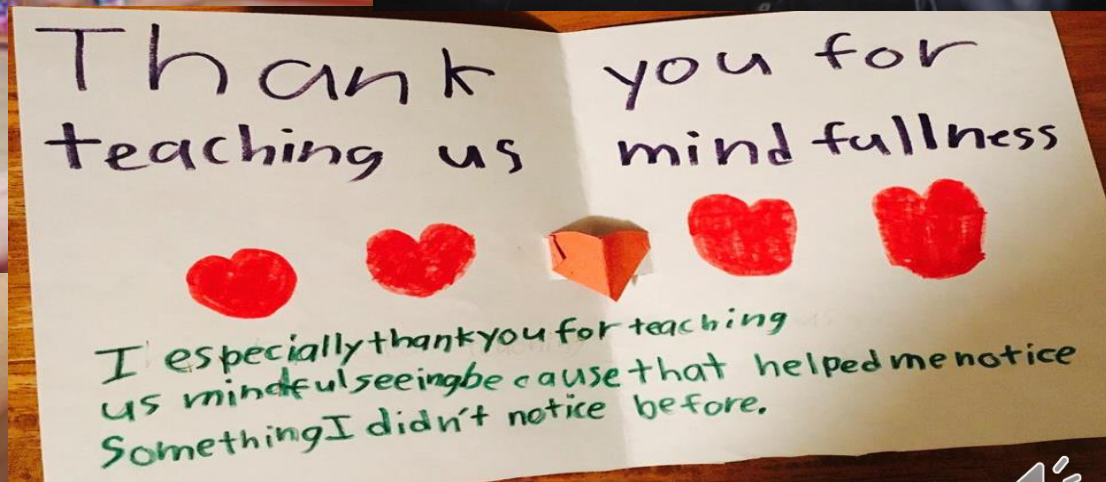
Mindfulness



- Catawba County United Way Youth Grant
- Each social worker completed 2 6 week training courses online
- Provide mindfulness in both individual and group settings to students and staff



Mindfulness



Funding

- Fee for service from Hickory Public Schools
- County funds
- Medicaid Administrative Claiming



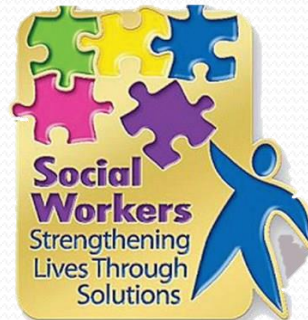
Data

- Total students served last year: 885
- Total students served so far this year: 698



Success Stories

- ACE Social Worker provided observations, standardized assessments, and a referral to a family doctor to determine needs and facilitate treatment for a 2nd grade student.
- ACE Social Worker was able to team with a classroom teacher to set goals and implement behavior interventions ensuring a child's classroom success.



ACE Team





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