



Healthy Children



Children Primed
for School



Children Succeeding
in School



Stable, Self-Sufficient,
and Productive Families



Vibrant, Robust
Communities that Thrive

STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE, IMPROVING OUTCOMES

Towns County Family Connection is a community-based, meet-and-confer collaborative dedicated to improving the lives of children and families in our community. This year, our primary focus is youth resiliency. The school nutritionist reported that 80% of students qualify for free and reduced lunch. Data indicates 18.5% of families are living in poverty, and housing costs are at an all-time high. Many youth and families face increasing economic challenges. These conditions strengthen our commitment to promoting empowerment and healthy coping strategies.



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OUR STORY SO FAR

OUR MISSION

Towns County Family Connection brings community partners together to improve outcomes for children and families through collaboration, data-driven decision-making, and locally developed solutions.

OUR VISION

Our Over-Arching Goal: All Children Will Succeed in School and in Life.

OUR STRATEGY

Our Youth Resiliency Strategy focuses on strengthening the protective factors that help young people overcome challenges and succeed. By addressing indicators such as youth alcohol use, chronic absenteeism, child poverty, and juvenile incarceration, we aim to support healthy choices, school engagement, economic stability, and positive outcomes. Through collaboration and access to supportive resources, we strive to create opportunities for all youth to thrive.

80%

OF TOWNS COUNTY
STUDENTS QUALIFY
FOR FREE OR
REDUCED LUNCH.

29%

ALICE HOUSEHOLDS

18.5%

LIVING IN POVERTY



PROJECT

DETAILS

OUTCOMES

Towns County Mentor Program

This school-based program provides, one on one, adult to child interaction to help to build relationships and nurture children and youth to support social and emotional development.

- Improved school attendance
- Better academic performance
- Reduced behavioral referrals
- 48 mentors and 40 mentees
- 650 hours of mentor time logged

Tribe Treats

TCFC operates an in-school food pantry to address food insecurity and strengthen youth resiliency by ensuring students and families have reliable access to food and basic toiletries items.

- Reduced food insecurity among students and families
- The food pantry helped lessen students' fears of stigma when seeking food assistance.

Operation Christmas

This initiative provided toys, clothing, and shoes for economically challenged students and families at Christmas.

- 260 students served
- Increased community engagement and volunteerism
- Strengthened connections between families and local resources

Enotah Juvenile Family Therapy Program (EJFTP)

Multi Dimensional Family Therapy Program (MDFT) is a family-centered approach for juveniles with substance abuse and/or mental health issues to successfully complete an in-home therapeutic program in order to reduce felony charges.

- Reduced juvenile delinquency and criminal behavior
- Increased graduation and promotion rates
- Reduced substance use among youth
- Improved family relationships and communication