

Linkages to Learning SERVICES

Social Services

- Family needs assessments
- Assistance accessing community resources (food, housing, health insurance, income supports, furniture, clothing)
- Assistance with legal/immigration, medical/dental and employment needs
- Interpretation/translation and emergency transportation assistance
- Assistance accessing child care, after school and summer camp programs
- Eviction/utility cut-off prevention

Community Education and Development

- Adult education classes (e.g., parenting, literacy, English, computer, employment skills)
- Positive youth development (out of school time activities)
- Parent networking and family activities
- Parent/youth leadership opportunities
- Community-wide events (food/clothing/toy/book drives, health fairs, etc.)

Behavioral Health Services

- Diagnostic evaluations
- Skill development and student support groups
- Access to psychiatric care/medication management
- Child, family and/or group therapy
- Classroom observations and teacher consultation
- Parent/staff workshops on behavioral health issues
- Crisis intervention/stabilization

Expanded Health Services Available at School Based Health Centers

- Physical Examinations
- Immunizations
- Diagnosis, treatment, referral and case management of children with acute and chronic illnesses
- Treatment of minor injuries
- Prescription and dispensation of medications

Linkages to Learning SITES

Arcola ES	New Hampshire Estates ES*
Eastern MS	Oak View ES
Forest Oak MS	Parkland MS
Fox Chapel ES	Pine Crest ES
Gaithersburg ES*	Rolling Terrace ES*
Gaithersburg MS	Rosemont ES
Georgian Forest ES	Sargent Shriver ES
Greencastle ES	Silver Spring International MS
Highland ES*	South Lake ES
Harmony Hills ES*	Summit Hall ES*
JoAnn Leleck ES*	Viers Mill ES*
Kemp Mill ES	Washington Grove ES
Loiederman MS	Weller Road ES*
Maryvale ES	Wheaton Woods ES
Montgomery Knolls ES	*Denotes School Based Health Centers

Linkages to Learning PRIMARY SERVICE PARTNERS

- Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services
- Montgomery County Public Schools
- City of Rockville
- Family Services, Inc.
- EveryMind.
- YMCA Youth and Family Services

In addition, each Linkages to Learning site has established partnerships with local faith-based organizations, businesses, police and recreation departments, volunteer programs, nonprofits, service organizations, libraries, and arts and literacy councils to bring needed resources into the school community.

Working together for our children

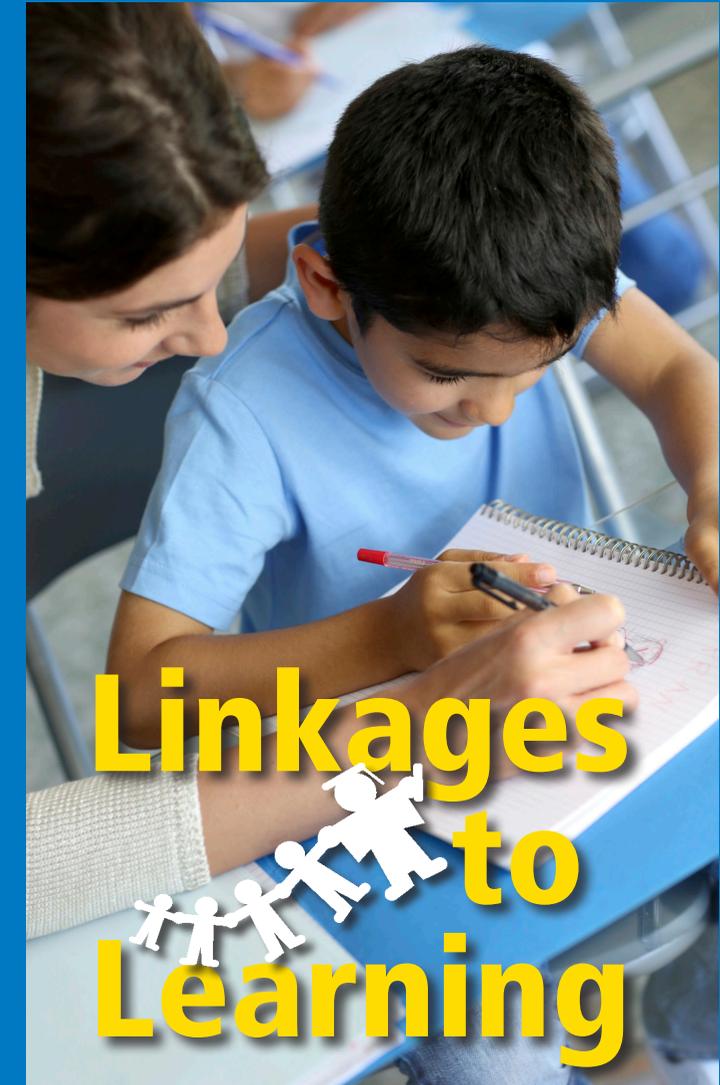
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Montgomery County, Maryland



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Linkages to Learning

A Response to a Growing Need: Linkages to Learning is a collaboration among the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (MCDHHS), Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) and nonprofit community providers. Developed in the early 1990's, Linkages to Learning addresses complex social, behavioral health, and community needs at 29 schools in Montgomery County, Maryland.

Mission: To improve the well-being of Montgomery County's children and families through a collaborative delivery of comprehensive school-based services that support success at home, in school and in the community.

Service Model: A community school partnership with an integrated focus on health, social services, community development and engagement to support student learning, strong families and healthy communities. Linkages to Learning serves more than 5,400 individuals per year. Over 3,700 of them receive comprehensive behavioral health or social wraparound services to mitigate the effects of poverty and reduce non-academic barriers to learning.

Services: Behavioral health, social services, and a variety of community education and development services are made available to address non-academic barriers to learning. Each Linkages to Learning site conducts an annual community needs assessments to develop a unique combination of activities based on the assets, resources and needs within each school community. Parents and youth work with Linkages staff on advisory groups at each site to make decisions about community priorities and implement programming.

Addressing non-academic barriers to learning

Funding Sources: MCDHHS is the major funder of this program. Other funding sources include the Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy, fees-for-service, grants, and donations from private sources such as businesses, faith groups, schools, civic organizations, and individuals.



Strong families and healthy communities

Understanding the needs of our children and their families

