

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to serve as a comprehensive resource for best practices in the advancement of community schools. We provide technical assistance, assessment and evaluation, and university assistance, with the aim of driving continuous improvement and better outcomes for students, families and communities.

OUR VISION

We envision a world of equitable school communities that support the whole child.

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

focus on improving student well-being and success by engaging and supporting parents and the broader school community.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS™ MODEL

The **UCF CENTER FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS** partnered to establish the Community Partnership Schools™ model which involves the forming of a long-term partnership among a coordinating non-profit organization, school, university or college, and a healthcare provider. This comprehensive community school model emphasizes leveraging the combined social and institutional capital of the partners to offer programs and services to address needs identified by the school and the community.



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ABOUT US

The **UCF CENTER FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS** assists school districts and communities interested in establishing, sustaining and improving community schools. The UCF Center opened in 2014 and is housed in the UCF College of Community Innovation and Education at the University of Central Florida.



“COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL networks comprise of strong and dedicated core partners, community partners, teachers, administrators, directors, coordinators, parents and students, all determined to implement programs and services that yield student success and transformative communities.”

— DR. AMY ELLIS
DIRECTOR OF THE UCF CENTER
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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

PRESENTATIONS FACILITATION

Topics include Community Schools 101, Typology and Approaches, and Community Partnership Schools.

STRATEGIC DISCUSSION FACILITATION

Topics include community school vision, mission and core principles, partner roles and responsibilities, certification preparation, and yearly goals and objectives.

IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL CONSULTATION AND COACHING

The UCF Center provides multiple workshop series and ongoing coaching and consultation to individuals and small groups, whether in-person or by phone, email or video chat.

RESOURCES

Resources include community school manuals, ‘how-to’ guides, project development worksheets, training modules, evidence-based community school practices, budgeting and sustainability, and more.

UNIVERSITY-ASSISTED PARTNERSHIP

In partnership with schools across Florida, the UCF Center for Community Schools connects university resources to school communities, in support of student, family and community success.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The UCF Center offers trainings and resources to support community school professionals in bringing together a network of community partners to support students and families. Topics include:

- Community school pillars (collaborative leadership, expanded learning opportunities, family and community engagement, and wellness supports)
- School-community partnerships
- Organizational structure and governance
- Workshops for leadership teams

ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION

Strengths and growth opportunities are assessed with support from the UCF Center’s assessment and evaluation team, who gather and analyze data through observations and interviews with stakeholders. Schools also receive valuable feedback from these evaluations, which support the model’s commitment to continuous improvement.

UCF CENTER FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS was named the first International Hub for Community Schools by the International Center of Excellence for Community Schools.