

What we do

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR YOUR CHILD

The Family Navigator works closely with school personnel and community agencies to learn about a wide range of programs, services, and enrichment opportunities that can benefit students.

The Family Navigator also works with school staff to develop creative ways to provide in-school support for children. Some examples of the types of services that the Family Navigator can help connect your child to include:

- Before and after-school programs
- Academic support or tutoring
- Enrichment opportunities in sports, music or art
- Vacation and summer programs
- Counseling
- Mentoring
- Social skills groups
- Health care services
- Ideas to support positive behavior at home



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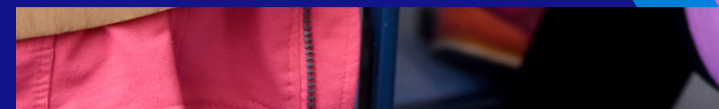
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Family Navigators and City Connects

Family Navigators have been made available in your child's school due to a collaboration between Muncie Community Schools and a program called City Connects. The City Connects practice was originally developed by Boston College and implemented in Boston Public Schools. In Indiana, Marian University's Center for Vibrant Schools leads the City Connects practice for the state.



The Family Navigator for your child's school will work with parents, guardians, and school staff to help identify strengths and needs of every student. From there, Family Navigators will work with you to

create and implement a specific plan for enrichment activities and services for your child. This could include clubs, sports, tutoring services and other community opportunities meant to contribute to the strengths and needs specific to your child.

How it works

The Family Navigator at your child's school follows a three-step student support process: **Review**, **Plan** and **Follow-up**.

Review: In collaboration with school staff, the Family Navigator leads a comprehensive discussion about every child's strengths and needs across four areas: academics, social/emotional/behavioral, health and family.

Plan: After your child's strengths and needs are identified, the Family Navigator makes recommendations to families and caregivers about a tailored set of services and enrichment activities. A core aspect of the Family Navigator's role is to develop and

maintain partnerships with community-based organizations that provide an array of services.

Follow-up: To evaluate the effectiveness of referrals, the Family Navigator communicates regularly with parents/caregivers, school staff and service providers. Family Navigators play a significant role in:

- Recommending and connecting you to services that may support your child and/or the whole family
- Providing information on school processes and service options
- Collaborating on ideas to address disciplinary or behavioral issues at home

