



# THE SCHOOL-BASED COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR INITIATIVE

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A SIMPLE CONCEPT WITH TANGIBLE RESULTS

## SCHOOL-BASED SUPPORT TO ASSESS AND ADDRESS STUDENT, FAMILY, AND SCHOOL NEEDS TO IMPROVE ATTENDANCE

**NEARLY ONE OUT OF EVERY FOUR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS IN WYOMING VALLEY ARE CONSIDERED CHRONICALLY ABSENT.**

Students who are chronically absent – meaning they miss at least 18 days of school in a year – are at serious risk of falling behind in school. Children who are chronically absent in preschool, kindergarten, and first grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of third grade. Students who cannot read at grade level by the end of third grade are four times more likely than proficient readers to drop out of high school. That’s why **UNITED WAY OF WYOMING VALLEY** is tackling chronic absenteeism.

Research tells us the presence of one caring adult can make a difference in the life of a child, and that’s the kind of support **THE SCHOOL-BASED COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR INITIATIVE** provides to students and their families in a school-setting. The school-based community navigator provides an array of prevention and early intervention strategies for individuals, small groups, and the school community. They also coordinate with community partners to connect students and families to resources and services.

**YOUR DONATION** helps us to reach and support our highest-risk students with strategies to tackle chronic absenteeism and encourage early grade success.



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