Welcome!

Neurobiology of Complex Trauma

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Break

History/ Driving Forces for Change

- Department of Justice (DOJ) - 2000
- Comprehensive Education Reform Committee (CERC) - 2007
  - 35 recommendations
- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) - 2010

In the News Then

Los Angeles Times

Fight prompts lockdown at juvenile probation camp in Santa Clarita

Four juveniles at a juvenile probation camp in Santa Clarita were injured in a stabbing this week.

The juveniles were at the Los Angeles County Juvenile Probation Camp in Santa Clarita, where they were being held for violating probation.

Los Angeles Times

Education is Challenger's challenge

Challenger High School is one of the few schools in Los Angeles County that focus on education and rehabilitation for young people.

The school relies on community partnerships to provide education and support for students. The school also offers a variety of programs to help students succeed in their studies.

Los Angeles Times
In the News Now

Golden Bell Award

- The RTSA model was the recipient of the prestigious Golden Bell Award from the California School Board Association in 2013.
- The award recognizes public school programs that are innovative and sustainable, make a demonstrated difference for students and focus on meeting the needs of all students.

McAuliffe School in 2015

“Classroom instruction has improved vastly. The move to RTSA (Road To Success Academy) and project-based learning has led to higher levels of rigor, student engagement, and understanding of key concepts.”

Final Report of the Technical, Consulting, and Advisory (TCA) Team at the Challenger Memorial Youth Center (CMYC) Casey a. v. Delgado
May 14, 2015
RTSA Elements

Element I: Core Educational Program
   (Intervention Programs, Credit Recovery, PBIS)

Element II: Thematic, Interdisciplinary, Project-Based Framework (TIP)

Element III: Embedded Instructional Community Partnership
   (e.g.: Caltech, Art Historian, Make Up Artist, Forestry Department)

Element IV: Pathway to Higher Education
   (CTE, GED, College Courses)

Element V: Instructional and Leadership Coaching

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Development of RTSA & Launch

- Inspired by Big Picture Learning School, Maya Angelou Academy, iPoly High School, High Tech High, and others
- Developed by teachers with support from Principal & PBL Coach
  - Saturday Summits
  - Weekly teacher collaboration in Professional Learning Communities
- Launched September 2010
Program Components

- Thematic, interdisciplinary project-based learning curriculum
- Addresses emotional and social needs
- Aligned with CA State Standards/Common Core
- 9-12 weeks for each unit
- Exhibitions at the end of each thematic unit

A New Vision (Social-Emotional)

Guiding our students to develop self-esteem will lead them to empowerment. A sense of empowerment will provide them with the courage to hope. Hope is a critical pillar in the transformation process. A willingness to embrace transformation leads to a journey of new beginnings.

RTSA Video

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Sampling of Anchor Texts

Projects

21st Century Classroom

- are the product of what students have learned (assessments)
- give the students a voice and choice
Exhibition Video

Collaboration Between School & Probation

Probation and the school actively collaborate to ensure that instructional time is protected, and that communication and working relationship between the school and Probation will support full RTSA implementation.

Road To Success Academies
NWEA MAP Reading Average Growth Data 2012-2014
Road To Success Academies
NWEA MAP Math Average Growth Data
2012-2014

Pre | Post
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Growth: 0.6 | Growth: 1.1
Growth: 1.1 | Growth: 0.5
Growth: 0.3 | Growth: 0.3
Growth: 0.3 | Growth: 0.1
Growth: 0.5 | Growth: 0.5

Miller & Gonzales High Schools
NWEA Average Growth
Winter to Spring
2015

Reading | Math
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Growth: 8 months | Growth: 3 months
Winter 2015 | Spring 2015
Test Cycle: 60 school days

Munz-Mendenhall High Schools
NWEA Average Growth
Winter to Spring
2015

Reading | Math
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Growth: 4 months | Growth: 4 months
Winter 2015 | Spring 2015
Test Cycle: 60 school days
It is important to note that while the enrollment has decreased by 67% in JCS programs, the number of graduates has experienced a 276% increase.
Student Speakers
Samuel, Student at Gonzales School
Stephanie, Former Student at RTSA – Scott
Shirley, Former Student at RTSA – Scudder

Lunch

Expert Panel
David Domenici    Executive Director, CEEAS
Michelle Newell    Senior Policy Associate, Children’s Defense Fund
Moriah B.         Former RTSA Student
Adrienne Berke    Teacher at Miller School, LACOE
Ivory Thomas       Supervisor at Camp Scudder, LA Probation
Core Values

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Thank you!
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