



Project NEXT
 Nurturing Empowerment,
 eXcellence, and Transformation
 for Youth

Project Update - February 2026

Project Overview

Project Name	Nurturing Empowerment, eXcellence, and Transformation for Youth
Project Director	Jolynn Meza Wynkoop
Project Location	Lincoln County
Project Duration	4 years - Start date: 8/1/2025 End date: 7/31/2029
Project Partners	Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital/Project Director (PD), Samaritan Treatment and Recovery Services (STARS) - Newport, Lincoln County Community Justice (LCCJ), and Lincoln County Health and Human Services (LCHHS)

Project Updates

PD	STARS - Newport	LCCJ	LCHHS
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- Met with HRSA Outreach Grant Project Officer (Nkem Osian) and Technical Assistant (Alicia Casey-McCall) on October 29, November 25, and December 17, 2025 as well as January 7 and February 4, 2026.
- Attended FORHP Outreach Grantee Meetings on November 12 & 19, 2025.
- Had preliminary planning meetings with partners on December 5, 2025 (STARS), December 31, 2025 (LCCJ), January 6, 2026 (LCHHS), and January 22, 2026 (LCHHS & School District).
- Received NoA on January 7, 2026.
- Attended outreach event at Taft Elementary School on February 3 from 5-7PM. Interacted with families and youth and distributed age-appropriate educational books and SUD education brochures.

In the Works

- Subaward agreements will go out to partners soon.
- MHFA for Youth training in Lincoln County - Goal: train 25 adults who work with youth.
- Creating a calendar of outreach events to attend in Lincoln County.
- Researching resources for young adults/youth related to mental/behavioral health education.
- Ongoing partner meetings to plan for work plan activities.