



Project NEXT
Nurturing Empowerment,
eXcellence, and Transformation
for Youth

Project Update - March 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with HRSA Outreach Grant Project Officer (Nkem Osian) and Technical Assistant (Alicia Casey-McCall) on March 4, 2026. Received updates on upcoming conference, the deliverables schedule, and upcoming webinars. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All HRSA Outreach Grantees will be invited to Atlanta, Georgia in September 2026 to attend the Reverse Site Visit. Met with Project NEXT partners on February 23, 2026 (LCHHS & School District) to discuss the LifeSkills curriculum. The curriculum will either be implemented in MS or HS classrooms at select schools in Fall 2026. Met with partners on March 4, 2026 to discuss the Mental Health First Aid Training. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday, April 28th at the Center for Health Education in Newport, OR Lincoln City Date & Location TBD For the registration link, please email Jolynn at jolynnm@samhealth.org Attended an outreach event at Oceanlake Elementary on February 26, 2026. Interacted with families and youth and distributed age-appropriate educational books and SUD education brochures. 			

In the Works:

- Subaward agreements are being developed.
- 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.