



Project NEXT

Nurturing Empowerment,
eXcellence, and Transformation
for Youth

Project Update - May 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)

Tracking

Meetings with HRSA Outreach Grant Project Officer (Nkem Osian) and Technical Assistant (Alicia Casey-McCall)

10/29/25, 11/25/25, 12/17/25, 1/7/26, 2/4/26, 3/4/26, 4/20/26, & 5/6/26.

Outreach Events

2/3/26 Taft Elementary Family Alcohol & Drug Night
2/26/26 Oceanlake Elementary Family Night
5/8/26 Mother's Day with Conexion Fenix at Taft Elementary School
5/16/26 Spring Family Fest in Yachats
6/21/26 Violence Prevention Summit in Lebanon

Networking

3/3/26 OregonASK Training: Utilizing Staff Voice: Wants and Needs Assessment
3/27/26 OHAs School-Based Mental Health Partnerships Learning Collaborative
4/30/26 FORHP Peer Exchange: Outreach and Education on Sensitive Topics

Project Updates

PD

STARS Newport

LCCJ

LCHHS

The **Noncompeting Continuation (NCC) Report** was submitted by the 5/4/26 due date and received by HRSA.

Two **Youth Mental Health First Aid** courses took place on Monday, April 27 and Tuesday, April 28.

- 4/27/26 in Lincoln City at the Lincoln City Community Center from 8:30AM-4:00PM.
 - 6 individuals attended.
- 4/28/26 in Newport at the Samaritan Center for Health Education from 9:30AM-5:00PM.
 - 22 individuals attended.
- The training was conducted in partnership with Oregon Pacific Area Health Education Center and Jaime Montgomery was the instructor.



STARS Newport is working to finalize a job description for the Peer Support Specialist position who will conduct outreach to youth in the community and provide peer support services to young adults who are receiving treatment and recovery services through STARS.

Subaward agreements were sent out for signature to LCHHS and LCCJ.

LCHHS

- Has identified staff to serve as the Mental Health Intervention Specialist (LifeSkills Trainer) & Clinical Counselor. LifeSkills curriculum will be piloted in Fall 2026. Planning conversations with Lincoln County School District are ongoing.

LCCJ

- Will be utilizing grant funds to pay for nightly stays for youth and young adults in crisis at their Youth Tides and Raising Tides shelters. Will also utilize grant funds for basic needs items such as hygiene supplies, meals, clothing, bus passes, etc.