

The NYC Community Learning Schools Initiative

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FOCUS AREA Community schools Community services design and delivery

SERVICES
Community needs
assessment
Program design
Tool design
Workshop facilitation
Outreach
Advocacy

As the Director of Planning and Implementation for the NYC Community Learning Schools Initiative (NYCCLSI), Antonina managed a citywide program to transform New York City public school buildings into centers for wraparound and neighborhood services. Community learning schools are community "hubs" where services are integrated into the school building in order to meet the needs of students, families, and community members. Because every community has a unique set of needs, each school hub design is different. The scope of programs and services is established through parent, educator, and community consensus on the needs of the school and community and may include may include medical, dental, and mental health programs; art, music, and recreation programs; social services; parent programs; or youth empowerment activities.

Antonina led a range of program activities including: program and tool design; developing program partnerships with community-based organizations, program and service providers, elected officials, city agencies, and private sponsors; and managing school capacity-building and technical assistance activities. Working closely with school-based teams, community-based organizations and service providers, the NYCCLSI team supported schools in the assessment of their community needs and assets, the establishment of partnerships to fill these gaps, and to rethink the delivery and operation of community services so it could withstand changes in school leadership and changing community needs over time.

