



Pre-project Community Members & Individuals

The project dates back to a decade ago when a group of community members were interested in the drop-out rate of the Joplin High School.

A Taskforce was developed to increase the graduation rate.

ESC has been at the center of the Taskforce with its "Graduating with a Future" Taskforce.

Two years ago the community was invited to participate in a Joplin District-wide strategic planning session for the R-VIII School District.

ESC used ARRA money to implement three of the proposed strategies of the school's strategic plan.

Partners and Communities Re-Educated

The first BF event was held April 8, 2010 with 160 individuals attending a breakfast designed to introduce the BF concept to business, faith based, and human service groups.

Shortly thereafter, ESC followed up the breakfast with a poverty simulation.

A Bright Futures web site was designed to make the community aware of a child's needs.

The goal of BF was to provide for every child's needs within 24 hours. In fact, 99% of the time the needs are met within 30 minutes.

Seventeen new resources have been developed within the past 9 months.

As a result of the entire community providing for the needs of at-risk children, they can now focus on their education and receiving a diploma.



Vision Statement

Inspiring community partnerships that open a way for all children to learn, lead and serve to their full potential now and in the future.

Mission Statement

Together...committing all that we are to enrich the life of a child.

Bright Futures provides a path for communities to engage everyone in a collective movement to develop relationships and channel resources supporting education and enabling children to achieve success.

By living out our Mission, we create a brighter future for our children in communities worldwide.

What's Been Accomplished

In the first year the graduation rate increased to 81.8%. The best in 15 years.

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| Graduation Rate: | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
| | 74.5% | 73.5% | 75.7% | 81.8% |



90% of 2009 graduates surveyed said they had a positive learning experience at Joplin High School.

Student attendance rose from 94.5% in 2008-2009 to 95.3% in 2009-2010

Our teacher retention rate is now 93.3%



Joplin's Bright Futures Receives National Recognition

- ▣ JOPLIN, MISSOURI – The Joplin School district's Bright Futures program is getting national recognition.
- ▣ The 2011 Magna Award is given by the American School Board Journal to schools with registration between 5,000-20,000 who demonstrate innovate thinking.

What is Next

Bright Futures is a community based and community driven program that addresses overcoming barriers that stand in the way of children becoming successful in school, many of which are basic needs such as food, clothing, and shelter.

Currently there are over 1,000 volunteers engaged and over 7,000 volunteer hours logged to date.

What is Next - Cont.

We have received over \$400,000 in cash and in-kind donations.

We have over 270 formal partners.

We have created a Bright Futures Regional Board.

Our goal is to share the concept around the state and across the nation.