

JAMES MOREHOUSE PROJECT AT EL CERRITO HIGH ACADEMIC YEAR 2014-2015

WHO WE ARE

The ECHS James Morehouse Project (JMP) works to create positive change in the El Cerrito High School community through health services, counseling, academic support, and the arts. Now in our fifteenth year, we have grown to include almost a dozen partnerships with community agencies, Contra Costa County Health Services, SF State, Cal State East Bay, and UC Berkeley Schools of Social Welfare.

SERVICES

Counseling & Crisis Support: Individual and group counseling, crisis assessment, and peer conflict mediation, are provided by JMP staff, Counseling Interns and the Y-Team (YMCA).

Medical Services: Dental services, physical exams, family planning, screening and treatment of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), immunizations and primary care referrals are provided by Contra Costa County Health Services.

Health Education: Pregnancy prevention, HIV/STI prevention, human sexuality, and alcohol and other drug education are provided by Contra Costa County Health Services

Youth Development: JMP students mentor elementary school students, provide peer health education (as Youth Health Workers), mediate peer conflicts, participate in Research-Action projects in the community and lead mindfulness practice in classrooms. JMP staff also “push in” to English Language Development (ELD) classrooms to lead activities that support stronger social integration at school, self-confidence and solidarity among recent immigrants.

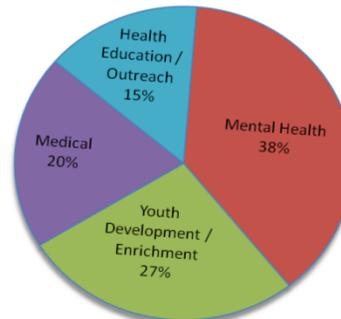
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250-300 Students visit the JMP every week for services ranging from a Band-Aid or a snack to crisis assessment

Health Center Visits



The JMP creates a field of positive energy for students and staff. We are a sanctuary for people in crisis, a place to learn and try out new skills (e.g. conflict mediator, community activist, mentor for elementary school students), or reproductive health services or counseling; as a student shared this spring:

“The JMP is the Place 2 Be!”

The JMP works closely with teachers to create trauma-informed classrooms, and partners with school staff to implement Restorative Practices campus wide.

Special Acknowledgments to the following Health Center Supporters/Partners:

HEALTH CENTER BACKGROUND

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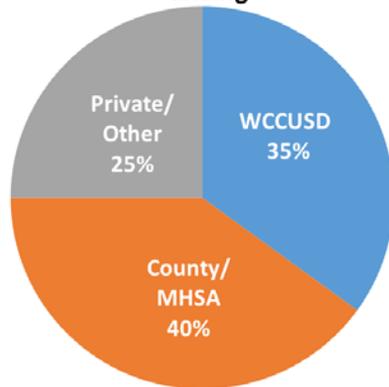
The James Morehouse Project was founded in 1998 by teachers, parents, students, and community service providers in response to the absence of any support services for students and their families at El Cerrito High School. The James Morehouse Project supports students to meet the challenges in their lives and also works closely with faculty and administrators campus-wide to build a strong and positive culture to support school success for all students.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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- Bay Area Community Resources
- California School-Based Health Alliance
- California State University East Bay School of Social Work
- Community Violence Solutions
- Contra Costa County Health Services
- Dominican University of California Counseling Program
- New Conservatory Theatre
- San Francisco State University School of Social Work
- Stand! For Families Free of Violence
- UC Berkeley School of Social Welfare
- YMCA of the East Bay (The Y-Team)

James Morehouse Project Health Center Funding



Funders for 2015-2016

- Contra Costa County (CCC) Community Development Block Grant
- CCC MHSa Prevention & Early Intervention Program, Innovative Programs
- ECHS Student Activities Fund
- ECHS Site Funds through the WCCUSD Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)
- Kaiser Permanente Northern California Community Benefits Program
- WCCUSD Comprehensive School Health



Connecting health and opportunities to El Cerrito High School

“My counselor was really nice and patient with me. Her being like that helped me open up. That’s why I’m different than how I was before. Now I’m comfortable doing public speaking, expressing myself in groups. I can express myself in ways that I couldn’t before.”

- Student, 4-year JMP participant

“At the end of my freshmen year I was going through a lot at home. The JMP helped me through it every step of the way. From filing a CPS report, coming to every meeting, and just checking up on me and making sure I felt safe. I never had that motivation for someone to just tell me to keep going. JMP did that for me.”

-Student, 4-year JMP participant

“The JMP has helped me be more mature, more confident. It’s been good; I can see the change in me and other people can see it. I know I can do something if I’m willing to tell myself to do it. The JMP’s an awesome place to be.”

- Student, 4-year JMP participant