

# Willamette ESD Program Service Guide

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## School Improvement Services

### *Family Support Advocates*

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A Willamette ESD Family Support Advocate (FSA) assists families of students who are at risk for violence, self-harm or self-destructive behaviors. FSAs help bridge gaps between essential social services and the students and families who need those services. In addition, FSAs monitor and support troubled or challenging youth in school. FSAs also conduct small group sessions for at-risk youth on topics such as: social skills, achievement, motivation, aggression, grief, loss and drug and alcohol prevention. School staff may also benefit from consultation with an experienced FSA who can provide information and training on a variety of prevention topics and programs.

### *School Improvement Services*

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Willamette ESD provides a broad range of research-based school improvement services including: Data Teams and Professional Learning Communities, Data Driven Decision-making, Formative Assessment, Standards, Grading and Reporting, and Effective Teaching Strategies. We provide three general categories of service for each: staff development, coaching and planning. Services are provided on an actual cost basis and are arranged through the School Improvement and Instructional Services Department.

### *Threat Assessment*

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Willamette ESD provides comprehensive, graduated threat assessment coordination for Marion, Polk and Yamhill County schools. Our threat assessment team leader collaborates with law enforcement, mental health, intervention specialists and school counselors to effectively manage situations and students of concern. The school safety team also conducts *Level Two* threat assessments, and the team leader provides timely written summaries at the conclusion of that process. The team leader serves as the education representative on the multi-agency threat assessment team. That multi-agency team reviews all *Level Two* threat assessments, provides ongoing support for difficult cases, and provides a direct conduit to community services--especially for students deemed at high risk.

## *Willamette Curriculum Coalition*

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The Willamette Curriculum Coalition (WCC) helps schools (and districts) improve teaching and learning. The WCC provides high-quality professional development and technical assistance to teachers, instructional coaches and school leaders. WCC also helps districts implement state and federal education initiatives, develop and align curriculum, craft improvement plans, develop accountability systems, and use data to improve achievement.