PROJECT PURPOSE AND RESULTS

Sun Prairie Area School District is located in Dane county, Wisconsin. The district is predominantly White [62%], African American and Asian Pacific Islander [10%], Hispanic [9%], Native American [>1%], and two or more races [8%]. The district has 9 elementary schools, 2 middle schools (grades 6-7), 1 upper middle school (grades 8-9), 1 high school (grades 10-11), and 1 alternative learning school (Sun Prairie Area School District, n.d). The UW-W Counselor Education Department partnered with Jennifer Apodaca, Director of Student Services Teaching, Learning and Equity Team, and Sun Prairie School Counseling programs to complete a piece of work focused on understanding topics of interest to parents in respect of their K-12 students personal/social and academic development and developing resources to enhance parent understanding and engagement. School counselors in training with the support of their instructor and the CBL fellow developed, administered a parent survey, and analyzed data from the 655 parent responses. Based on the results, they developed resources including media information for parents focused on social media, anxiety, and friendship/social skills. The information was provided to Ms. Apodaca for dissemination to the participating schools and school counseling programs.