



# Sanford Middle School Powwow



May 17, 2024

On May 17, 2024, Office of Community Safety (OCS) staff attended the Sanford Middle School's first powwow. Before the powwow started, 18 people stopped by the OCS table. OCS staff spoke with school staff, students, and family members.

Brief conversations took place about the community safety centers before individuals voted on the social services they wanted to see in the centers. No one specified which services should go in which center.

The social services that had the most support were:

- Mental health
  - Accessible to the community and provided by bilingual staff
- Youth
  - A youth led center supported by adults with services based on youth interest
  - Safe space for youth to have fun and families would know they are safe
- Unsheltered homelessness resources
- Education support

Not everyone shared their opinions about other building uses or resources. Those who did shared their ideas and supported these themes:

- Medical services
- Community meals
- Childcare for people using the center
- Community meeting space
- Toy/tool library

Other comments:

- There are already enough harm reduction services in the community
- More police are needed and they should pursue suspects even when no gun is evident