



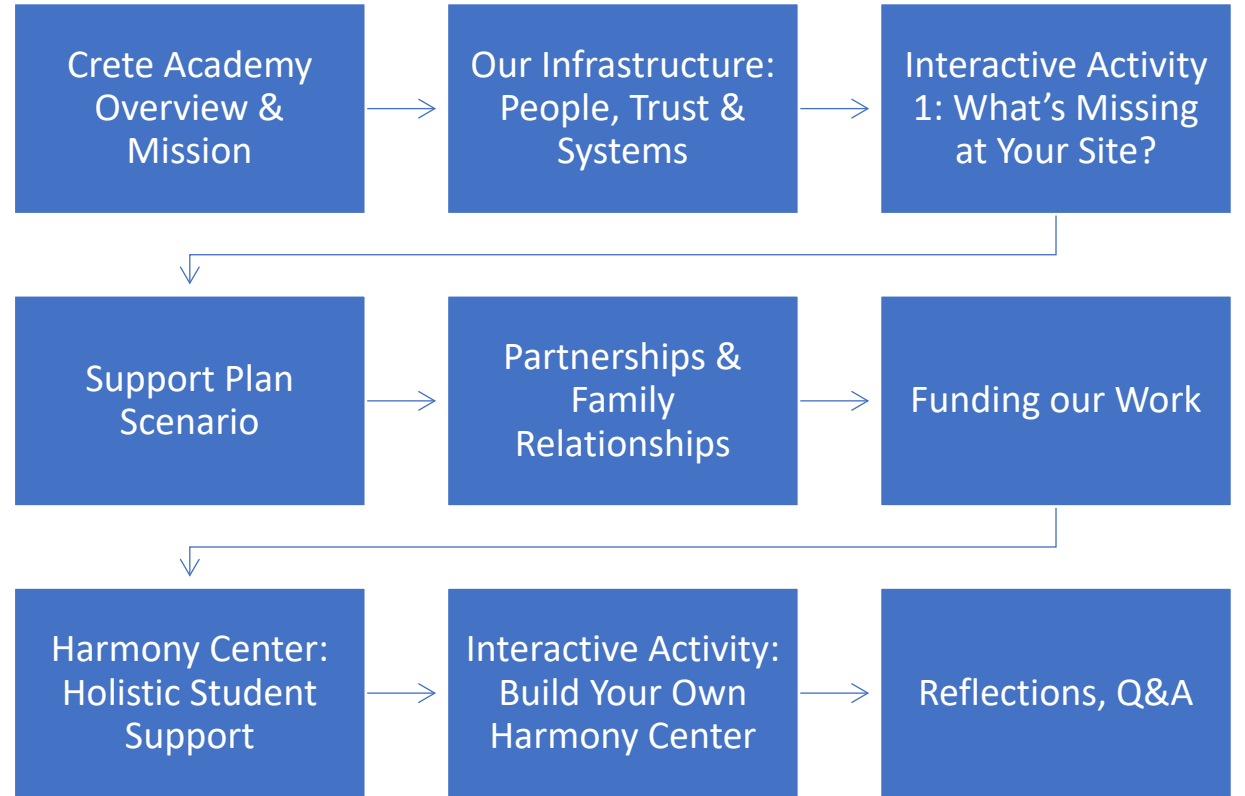
# Breaking the Cycle of Poverty: Crete Academy's Model for Supporting Students Experiencing Homelessness

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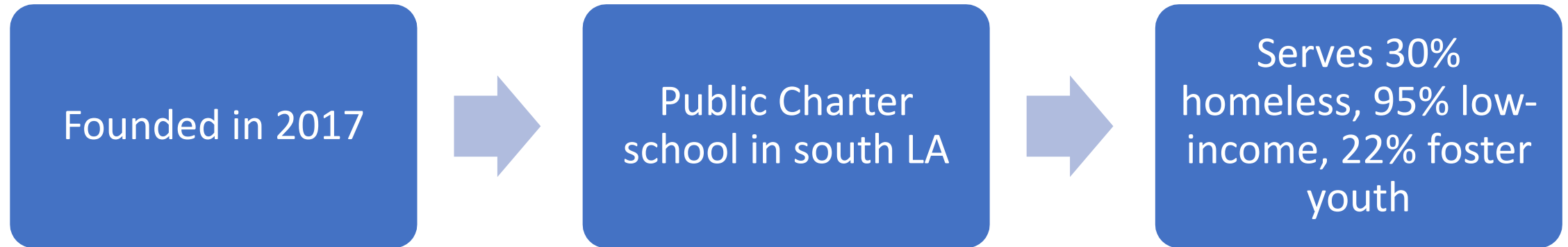


CHARACTER • EQUALITY • EXCELLENCE  
RESPONSIBILITY • TEACHABILITY

# AGENDA



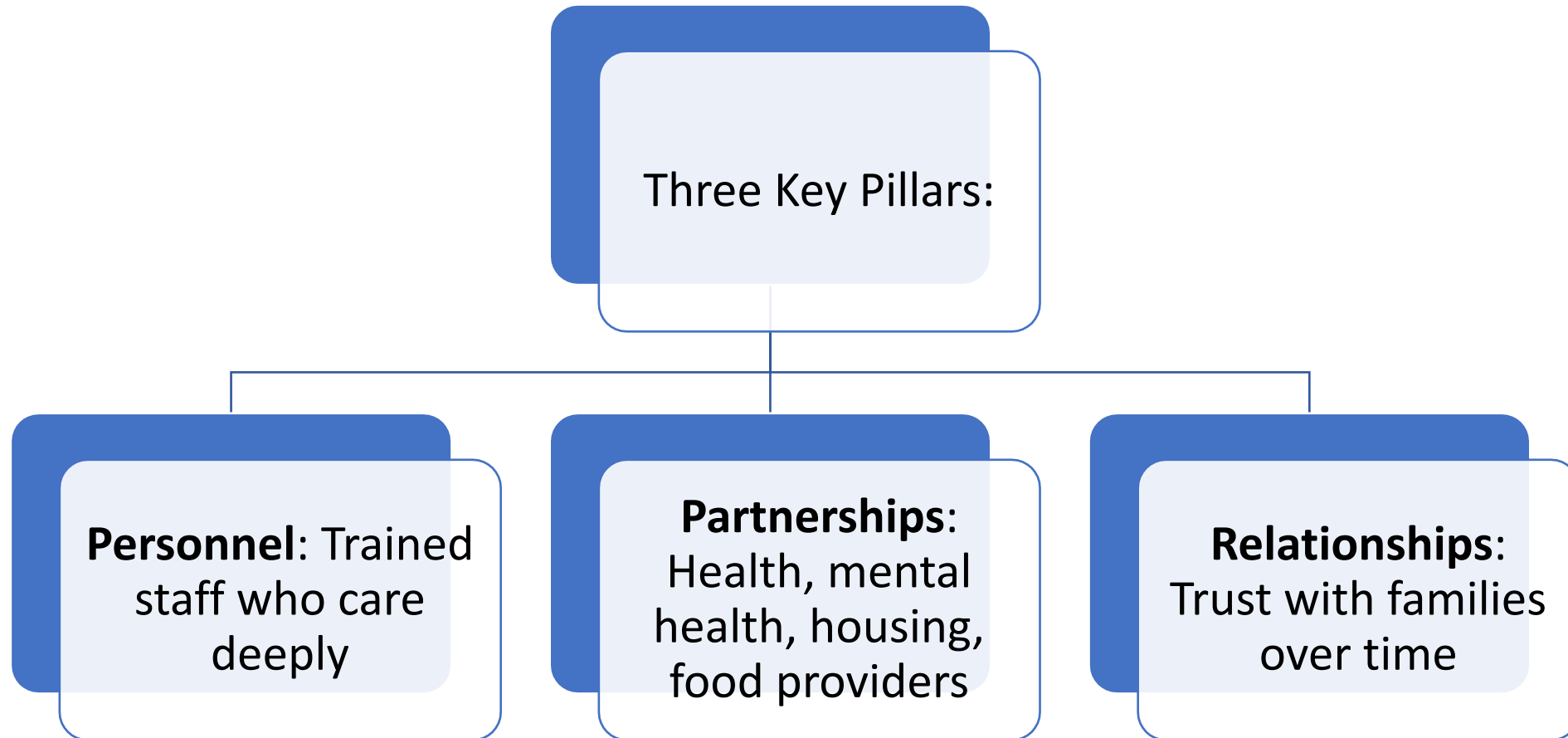
# Crete Academy Overview



## Mission:

**Break the cycle of poverty through holistic education and support**

# The Infrastructure That Holds it Together



# INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY: WHAT'S MISSING AT YOUR SITE?

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PERSONNEL



PARTNERSHIPS



RELATIONSHIPS

# Personnel: How Our Staff Serves Students

MSW/MFT Interns from UCLA & Pepperdine



Full-time Harmony Staff



Behavioral Interventionists



Housing Specialists



# INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY – SUPPORT PLAN

A single mother shows up to your school fleeing a DV situation and is experiencing homelessness. She has kinder student that is bright but has seen things that would impact their academics.

**What would your school do in this situation?**



# Partnerships That Power Us

Center for Empowerment of Families

Hiya Health

UCLA Homeless Healthcare Collaborative

CarePortal

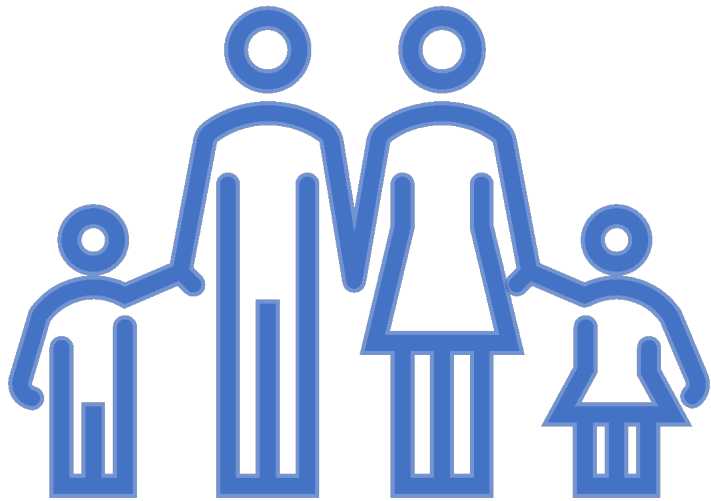
Hope The Mission

Everytable

Vision to Learn







# Building Relationships with Families

Weekly communication and check-ins

Shuttle transportation

Family-centered services

Parent involvement in decision-making

# Funding Our Work

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- State LCFF Dollars
- Foundation Grants
- In-Kind Donations
- Volunteer Support



# Harmony Center – Our Holistic Solution

On-Campus  
wellness hub

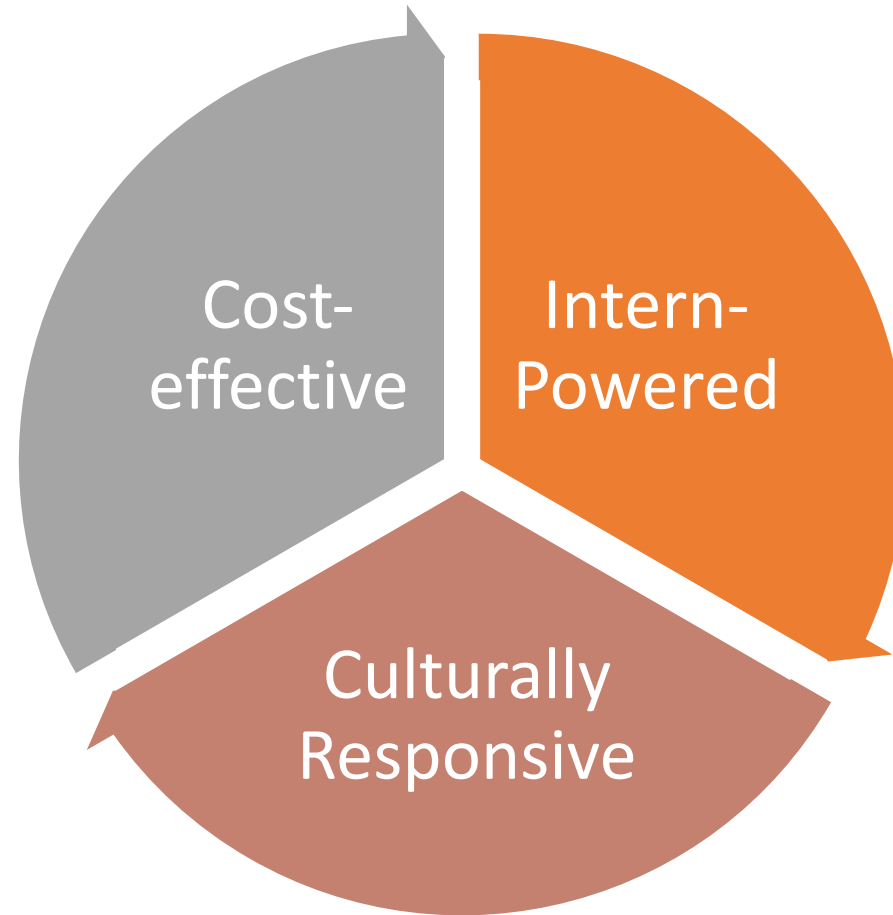
Mental health  
therapy, yoga,  
medical support,  
housing help

Open daily, staffed  
by interns and  
clinicians

Expansion plans to  
replicate model at  
other schools



# Bringing Harmony Centers to More Schools Across LA





# CRETE ACADEMY: HARMONY CENTER





# WHEN STUDENTS TRUST YOU, AND FAMILIES FEEL SUPPORTED, YOU CAN CHANGE THE COURSE OF A CHILD'S LIFE.



# QUESTIONS, REFLECTIONS, & CONNECTION

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