



# School Mental Health: Meeting the Mental Health Needs of the Entire School Community

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### Commitment

- Racial and social justice lens
- Cultural responsiveness and equity
- Developing and modeling equitable and anti-racist policies and practices



• Learn, heal, grow together





### On Today's Agenda

- Great Need
  - Elevated Rates and Severity of Youth and Staff Mental Health Concerns Related to COVID Impact
- Comprehensive School Mental Health Systems to Help
  - Multi-tiered System of Support for Students, Families and Educators
- Free, Action-Oriented School Mental Health Resources

Opportunities to Advance Policy

## Mental Health is a Simmering Crisis for Many of the Nation's School Children





"More than 10 months into the pandemic, mental health is a simmering crisis for many of the nation's schoolchildren, partly hidden by isolation but increasingly evident in the distress of parents, the worries of counselors and an early body of research."

"Holed up at home, students dwell in the glare of computer screens, missing friends and teachers. Some are failing classes. Some are depressed. Some are part of families reeling with lost jobs, gaps in child care or bills that can't be paid. Some students care for, or grieve, relatives with covid-19"

Washington Post- January 21, 2021





#### In a nationally representative survey of young people aged 13-19:

Approximately 25% felt disconnected from peers and adults.

- More than 1 in 4 reported:
  - increase in sleep loss due to worry
  - feeling unhappy or depressed
  - feeling constantly under strain
  - loss of confidence in themselves



Citation: https://www.americaspromise.org/sites/default/files/d8/YouthDuringCOVID FINAL%20%281%29.pdf







#### **Educator Mental Health and Well-Being**

52%
of education
professionals
say their mental
health has
declined
during the
global pandemic



#### Pre-pandemic

- 2/3 of educators usually feel stressed out (2x more than general population)
- 58% of educators- 7 or more days of poor mental health in past month

#### Teaching During the Pandemic

- Educators reported working longer hours.
- 1 in 3 teachers indicated the pandemic has made them more likely to leave teaching.







#### School-Based Mental Health: A National Priority

A Webinar from The Kennedy Forum Featuring U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona, Ed.D.

November 12, 2021, 2:00-3:30pm ET

#### AAP-AACAP-CHA Declaration of a National Emergency in Child and **Adolescent Mental Health**

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As health professionals dedicated to the care of children and adolescents, we have witnessed soaring rates of mental health challenges among children, adolescents, and their families over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, exacerbating the situation that existed prior to the pandemic. Children and families across our country have experienced enormous adversity and disruption. The inequities that result from structural racism have contributed to disproportionate impacts on children from communities of color.

This worsening crisis in child and adolescent mental health is inextricably tied to the stress brought on by COVID-19 and the ongoing struggle for racial justice and represents an acceleration of trends observed prior to 2020. Rates of childhood mental health concerns and suicide rose steadily between 2010 and 2020 and by 2018 suicide was the second leading cause of death for youth ages 10-24. The pandemic has



# Where do we go from here?

Anxiety/Fears
Loss
Equity

Hope and Resilience









#### RESTART & RECOVERY:

LEVERAGING FEDERAL COVID RELIEF FUNDING & MEDICAID TO SUPPORT STUDENT & STAFF WELLBEING & CONNECTION

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STATE EDUCATION AGENCIES

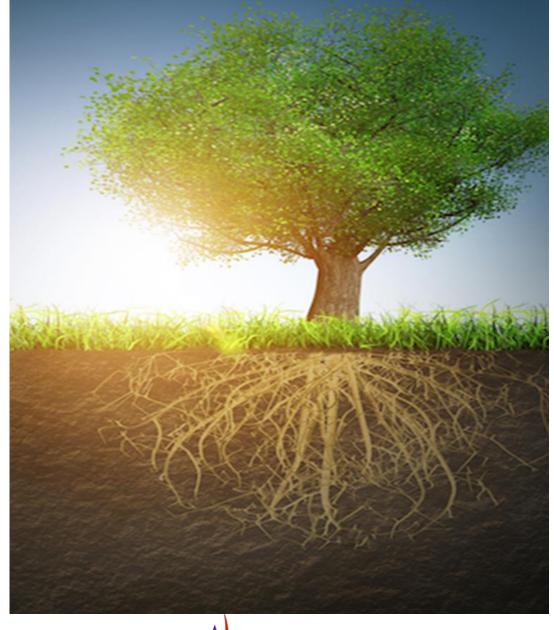
# Using Recovery Funds to Support Student and Staff Well-Being

- ESSER Funds for SEAs and LEAs
- Can use funds to support student and staff wellbeing and mental health
- Leveraging ESSER Funds to Access Sustainable Funding Streams (e.g. Medicaid)
- bit.ly/restart-recovery-guide











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### What can schools do?





## Comprehensive School Mental Health

Multi-tiered System of Support for Students, Families and Educators

#### Figure 5: Multi-Tiered System of Support

#### TIER 3

+ Targeted interventions for students with serious concerns that impact daily functioning

#### TIER 2

+ Supports and early intervention for students identified through needs assessments as at risk for mental health concerns

#### TIER 1

+ Promotion of positive social, emotional, and behavioral skills and overall wellness for all students

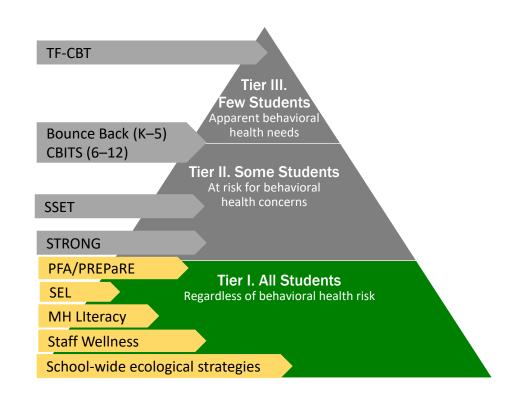
# C Foundational Elements

+ Professional development and support for a healthy school workforce + Family-School-Community partnerships



### UNIVERSAL School Mental Health Strategies

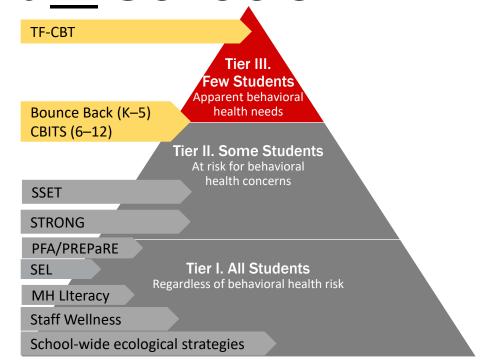
- Positive school climate
- Culturally responsive, traumaresponsive school policies and practices
- Staff well-being
- Mental health literacy for school staff and students
- Social Emotional Learning (SEL)





# Early Identification, Intervention and Treatment in Schools

- Screening/well-being check-ins
- Evidence-based psychosocial interventions – e.g., CBITS/Bounce Back, TF-CBT
- Psychiatric care







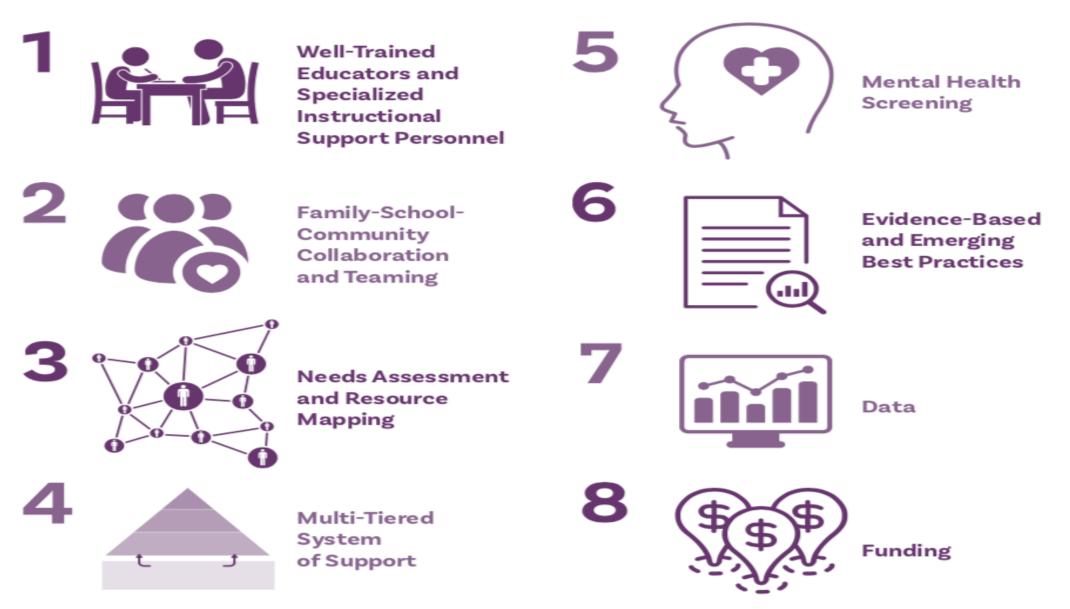
### **Comprehensive School Mental Health Systems**

"provide an array of supports and services that promote positive school climate, social and emotional learning, and mental health and well-being, while reducing the prevalence and severity of mental illness.

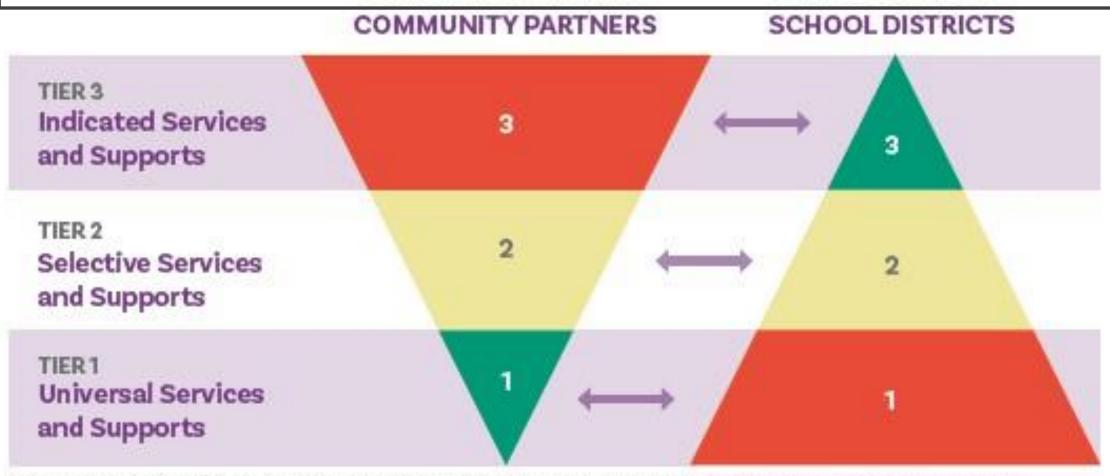
These systems are built on a **strong foundation of district and school professionals**, including administrators, educators and specialized instructional support personnel (e.g., school psychologists, school social workers, school counselors, school nurses and other school health professionals),

all in strategic partnership with students and families, as well as community health and mental health partners." Hoover et al., 2019

Figure 3. Core Features of a Comprehensive School Mental Health System



# FIGURE 4. AN EXAMPLE OF COMPLEMENTARY ROLES AND RESOURCES OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS



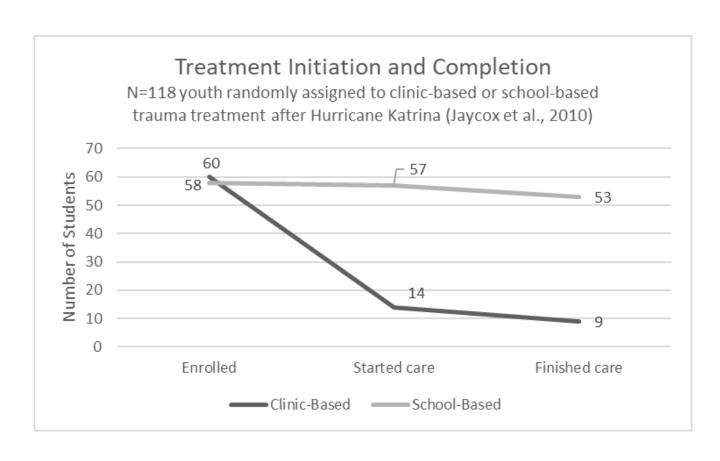
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### Why Mental Health Treatment in Schools?

Youth are 6x more likely to complete mental health treatment in schools than in community settings (Jaycox et al., 2010)

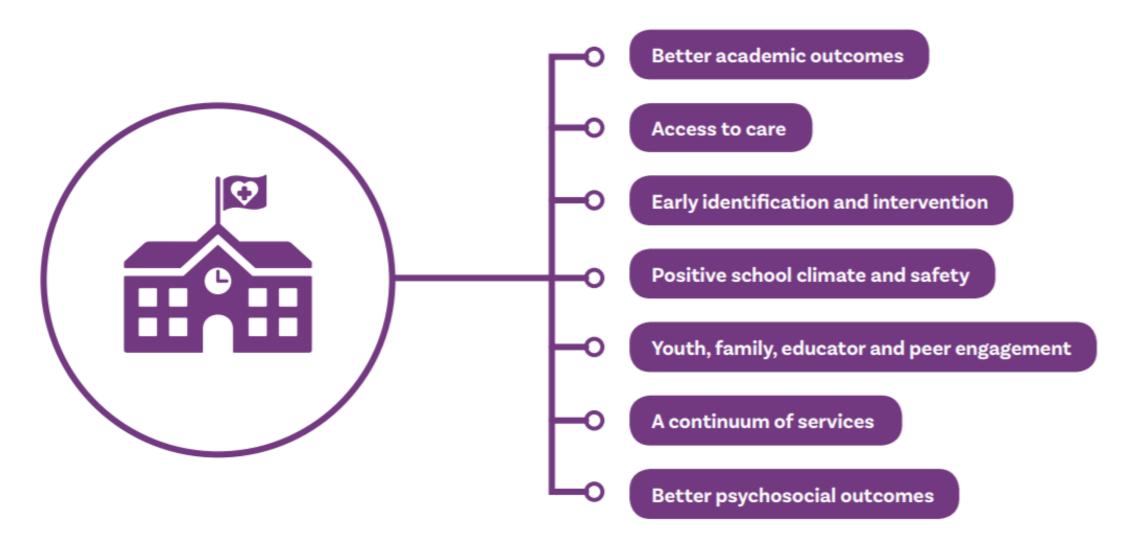






### Value

Figure 2. The Value of Comprehensive School Mental Health Systems: Positive Outcomes





Kase, C., **Hoover, S. A.,** Boyd, G., **Dubenitz, J.**, **Trivedi, P.**, Peterson, H., & **Stein, B.** (2017). Educational outcomes associated with school behavioral health interventions: A Review of the Literature. *Journal of School Health*, *87*(7), 554-562.





GENERAL ARTICLE

### Educational Outcomes Associated With School Behavioral Health Interventions: A Review of the Literature

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#### ABSTRACT

**BACKGROUND:** There is an unmet need for behavioral health support and services among children and adolescents, which school behavioral health has the potential to address. Existing reviews and meta-analyses document the behavioral health benefits of school behavioral health programs and frameworks, but few summaries of the academic benefits of such programs exist. We provide exemplars of the academic benefits of school behavioral health programs and frameworks.

**METHODS:** A literature review identified school behavioral health-related articles and reports. Articles for inclusion were restricted to those that were school-based programs and frameworks in the United States that included an empirical evaluation of intervention academic-related outcomes.

**RESULTS:** Findings from 36 primary research, review, and meta-analysis articles from the past 17 years show the benefits of school behavioral health clinical interventions and targeted interventions on a range of academic outcomes for adolescents.

**CONCLUSION:** Our findings are consistent with reports documenting health benefits of school behavioral health frameworks and programs and can facilitate further efforts to support school behavioral health for a range of stakeholders interested in the benefits of school behavioral health programs and frameworks on academic outcomes.

Keywords: literature review; mental health; academic outcomes; prevention; treatment.

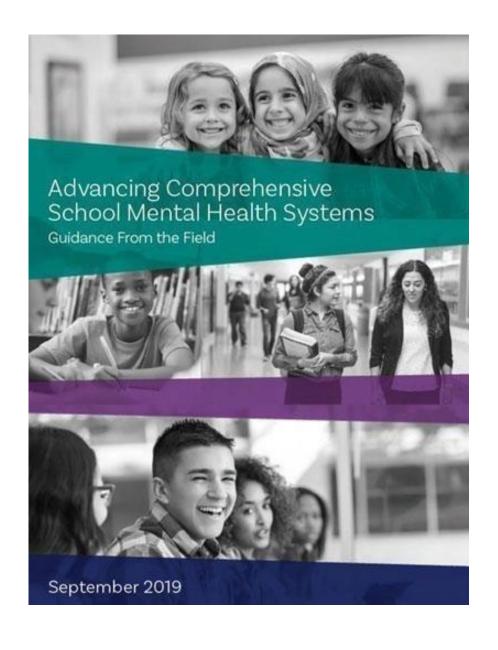
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In the aftermath of the Surgeon General's warning that "the nation is facing a public crisis in mental health care for infants, children, and adolescents," the prevalence of mental health disorders among children and adolescents and the unmet need for treatment have received increased attention. Mental health problems are common among children

experience a mental health disorder annually, and an estimated 40% of adolescents meet lifetime diagnostic criteria for myriad mental health disorders.<sup>2-4</sup> These mental health conditions have wide ranging effects, interfering with students' functioning in school, at home, with their friends, and in their communities,<sup>5-8</sup> and potentially affecting their successful attainment

- Findings from 36 primary research, review, and meta-analysis articles
- 2000-2017
- Benefits of school behavioral health clinical interventions and targeted interventions on a range of academic outcomes –
  - Grades
  - Attendance
  - State test scores
  - School connectedness



#### Guidance from the Field

- Why Address Mental Health in Schools
- A Public Health Approach to School Mental Health
- The Value of School Mental Health
- Core Features of a Comprehensive School Mental Health System
- Opportunities, Challenges and Recommended Strategies
- Local Spotlights
- State Spotlights
- Moving Forward

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## Key areas of focus



Mental health promotion



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Evidence-based practices



Diverse funding





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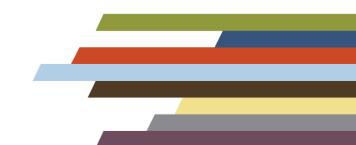
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# What Is Mental Health Promotion?

Activities to foster positive social, emotional, and behavioral skills and well-being of all students regardless of whether or not they are at risk for mental health problems



#### The Value of Mental Health Promotion in Schools

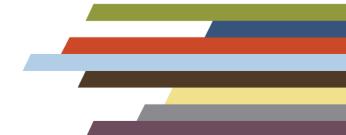
- Promotes well-being and educational success for all students
- Serves as foundation for Tiers 2 and 3 mental health services and supports
- Produces cost savings by investing in mental health promotion and early intervention (versus treatment)
- Decreases stigma about mental health and illness
- Promotes school staff well-being
- Mental health is part of overall health, and students must be healthy enough to learn, and teachers healthy enough to teach



#### **Mental Health Promotion**

- School Climate
- Teacher and School Staff Well-being
- Positive Behaviors and Relationships
- Positive Discipline Practices
- Mental Health Literacy
- Social Emotional Learning









### Mental Health Literacy



### Classroom WISE: Well-Being Information and Strategies for Educators









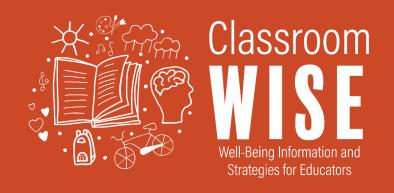
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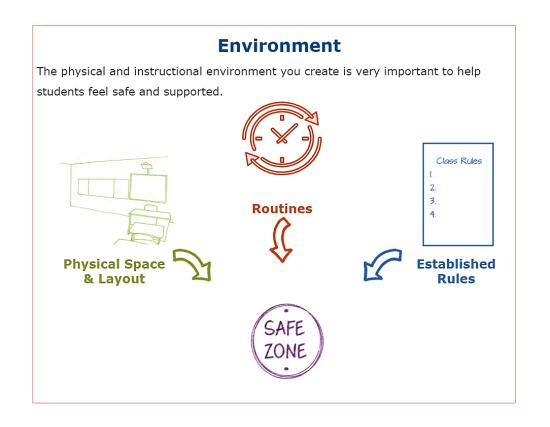


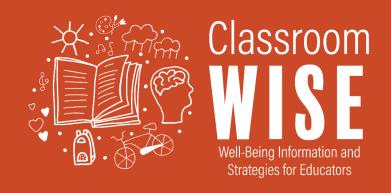




# Modules 1-3: Promoting Mental Health and Well-being of Students

- Creating safe and supportive classrooms
- Bringing mental health into the classroom and addressing stigma
- Fostering social emotional competencies





#### Modules 3-6:

# **Understanding and Supporting Students Experiencing Adversity and Distress**

- Impact of trauma/adversity on learning and behavior
- Understanding and identifying student distress and linking students to support
- Classroom strategies to support students with mental health concerns

#### Stress & Trauma

8. Be aware of stress or trauma reminders

It's hard for a student to feel safe when regularly reminded of past events or traumas.

Being center of attention

Sudden or loud noises

Fighting or yelling

Confinement

Physical touch

**Unexpected changes** 



### Classroom WISE Video Library



#### **How Teachers Can Show Interest**

Teachers can help keep students engaged by showing interest. In this video, students of various ages describe ways that teachers have shown interest in them and their lives.

\*\*Imin 10sec\*\*



#### **Promoting Self-Regulation**

Self-regulation incorporates stress management, impulse control, and goal setting to positively impact motivation and moderate one's emotions, thoughts, and behaviors. In this video, teachers discuss strategies for promoting self-regulation in the classroom.

2min 30sec





### Student-Adult relationships matter!

- Students benefit from positive relationships with school staff throughout their schooling

"Every child deserves a champion – an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connections and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be."

"No significant learning can occur without a significant relationship"





### **Engagement Strategies**

- Welcoming students
- Learning and incorporating student interests
- Being available for students
  - Be an active listener
  - Check in on how they're doing
  - Engage in non-academic conversations
- Using positive language



### Safety

- Rules about safety and respect
- No tolerance for bullying
- Use inclusive and open communication







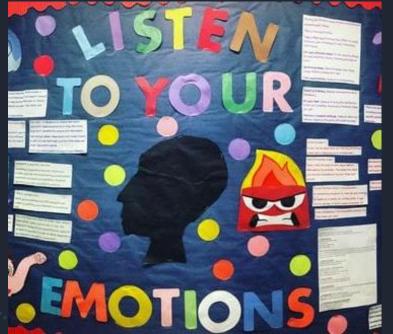
# Environment

- Physical space and layout
  - Inclusive
  - Positive and supportive
- Routines
- Rules











# Talk Openly

- Start talking about mental illness
- Use what you've learned about mental health when you talk
- Let students know your classroom is a safe space
- Create a Mental Health and Wellness bulletin board

# Be Careful and Intentional in your Language

- Promote perseverance
  - Positive notes or shout outs
  - Gratitude journal







### https://youtu.be/fzq-dzWxX1A



### **Bringing Mental Health Into the Classroom**

The attitudes, knowledge, and feelings we have about mental health influence how we perceive and act toward people with mental illness. In this video, teachers discuss how they bring mental health into the classroom.

4min 27sec



## **Reflection Question**

If you could pick one quality or skill that all young people would possess by the time they graduate from high school, what would it be?











# Key areas of focus



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Evidence-based practices



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# Build your team and system

- Family-school-community partnerships
  - strong foundation of district and school professionals, including administrators, educators and specialized instructional support personnel (e.g., school psychologists, school social workers, school counselors, school nurses and other school health professionals),
  - all in strategic partnership with students and families, as well as community health and mental health partners
- Assess your system quality using national performance standards and engage in action planning



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Map school mental health services and supports.



Utilize additional SHAPE features including the Screening and Assessment Library.



Receive custom reports and strategic planning guidance and resources.



Assess system quality using national performance standards.



Use district and state dashboards to collaborate with schools and districts in your region.

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## National School Mental Health Quality Assessment-SMH-QA

### **Quality Domains**

- Teaming
- **Needs Assessment and** Resource Mapping
- Mental Health Promotion for All (Tier 1)
- Early Intervention and Treatment Services and Supports (Tiers 2/3)
- Screening
- **Impact**
- Funding and Sustainability

### School Mental Health National Quality Assessment Overview of Domains and Indicators





### Teaming

- · Multidisciplinary teams
- · Youth and family partnership
- Community partnerships
- · Addresses all tiers
- · Avoid duplication and promote efficiency
- Best practices for meeting structure/process
- Delineated roles/responsibilities
- · Effective referral processes to school and community services
- · Data-based decisions to determine student interventions
- Data sharing

### Needs Assessment/ Resource Mapping



TIERS 283

- · Assess student mental health needs
- · Assess student mental health strengths
- · Use needs assessment results to select, plan and implement services and supports
- · Conduct resource mapping to identify existing services and
- · Use resource map to select, plan and implement services and
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### **Mental Health Promotion** Services & Supports

- Tier 1 Services and Supports:
- · School Climate
- · Positive Behaviors and Relationships · Social Emotional Learning
- Determine whether services and supports are
- · Ensure fit with strengths, needs, cultural, and linguistic
- · Ensure adequate resources for implementation
- · Provide interactive training and ongoing supports
- · Monitor fidelity

### Early Intervention and **Treatment Services & Supports**

- · Provide access to needed services and supports
- · Determine whether services are evidence-informed
- · Ensure all services and supports are evidence-informed
- · Ensure fit with strengths, needs, cultural, and linguistic
- · Ensure adequate resources for implementation
- · Provide interactive training and ongoing supports
- · Ensure intervention goals are SMART Monitor student progress across tiers
- Implement a systematic protocol for emotional and

#### Screening



TIER 1

Positive Discipline Practices

- · Use best practices for mental health screening planning and implementation
- Indicate the number of students:
- · Enrolled in school
- Formally screened in the absence of known risk factors · Identified as being at-risk or already experiencing a mental health
- · Referred to a mental health service following identification
- Of students screened, how many screened for [specific mental health areas?

### **Funding and Sustainability**



- Use multiple and diverse funding and resources to support full continuum of school mental health
- Leverage funding and resources to attract potential contributors
- · Maximize expertise and resources of partners to support ongoing
- Have strategies in place to retain staff · Have funding and resources to support:
- · Tier 1 (mental health promotion) services
- · Tier 2 (early intervention) services
- · Tier 3 (treatment) services
- · Maximize reimbursement for eligible services

### Impact

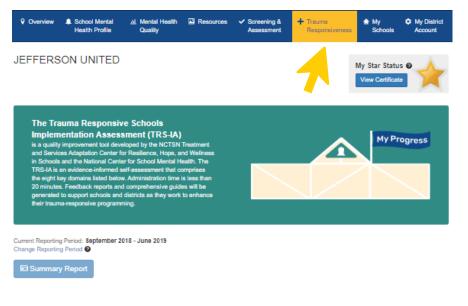
- · Were eligible to receive Tier 2 or Tier 3 school mental health services
- Received at least one Tier 2 or Tier 3 service
- Demonstrated documented improvement in educational functioning
- Demonstrated documented improvement in social, emotional and
- Use best practices to
- . Document impact on educational outcomes
- · Document impact of social, emotional, and behavioral outcomes Disaggregate student mental health service and support data to examine
- student-level outcomes based on sub-population characteristics
- · Document and broadly report the impact of your comprehensive school mental

For a full copy of the school mental health national quality assessment, visit www.theSHAPEsystem.com





# Trauma Responsiveness





















### **Trauma Responsive Schools**

### What is the TRS-IA?

The Trauma Responsive Schools Implementation Assessment (TRS-IA) is a quality improvement tool developed by the NCTSN Treatment and Services Adaptation Center for Resilience, Hope, and Wellness in Schools and the National Center for School Mental Health.

The TRS-IA is an evidence-informed self-assessment that comprises eight key domains of trauma-responsive schools and districts:

Whole school safety planning	Prevention/early intervention trauma programming
Whole school prevention planning	Targeted trauma-informed programming
Whole school trauma programming	Staff self-care
Classroom strategies	Family and community engagement



Administration time is less than 20 minutes. Automatically generated feedback reports support schools and districts working to enhance their trauma responsiveness.



# **Custom Reports**

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Teaming

Reporting Period: September 2018 - June 2019 Date of Report: 10/07/2019 Entered By: 2 Users

#### About Teaming

School districts are in the position of ensuring that school mental health efforts are appropriately staffed and supported by multidisciplinary teams that have effective communication and collaboration practices. Many schools have teams that meet to discuss and strategize about student mental health issues. Schools may have one team devoted to the full continuum of mental health supports (mental health promotion to early intervention and treatment) or they may have multiple teams that address different parts of the continuum (e.g., school climate team, student support team, Individualized Education Program team, intervention/tertiary care team, Tier 2/3 team, any other team that addresses student mental health

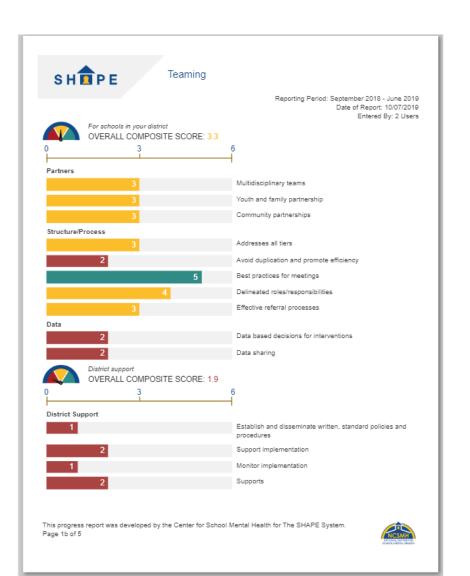
Need resources? The SHAPE Resource Library offers a wide variety of tools and resources to help your team improve your school mental health system. The library is organized by Quality Domain to help you locate exactly what you need.

For example, to find resources related to forming a multidisciplinary team or partnerships with the community and youth and families, select "Teaming" in the resource library and filter by "Partners."

The district team who completed this assessment reported the following information about the quality of teaming in your schools:

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# Strategic Planning Guide



### Strategic Planning Guide

The following pages can be used as tool to plan your next steps for this domain. We encourage you to complete this with your team.

Please state a specific goal within this domain. (For example, for the Teaming domain, one goal might be that the school mental health team will better collect and use data to identify students who need mental health support.)

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How will you know if you've achieved success within this goal? (For example, for the Teaming domain and your goal is to better collect and use data to identify students who need mental health support, one way of measuring success might be that by the next academic school year, the school mental health team will review student mental health screening data for the entire student body twice per year to identify students in need of services and make a plan for meeting those needs.)

INDICATOR OF SUCCESS:

### What opportunities exist related to this goal?

- · What have been our past successes?
- · What current work is taking place related to this goal?
- · What are our available resources (leadership, infrastructure, staffing, partnerships)?

### What barriers exist related to this goal?

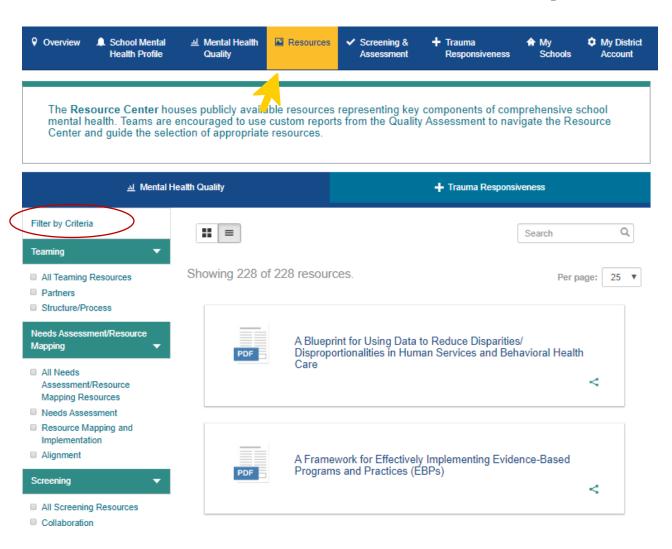
- · What would prevent us from moving forward with this goal?
- · What would we need to overcome this/these barrier(s)?

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# Resource Library





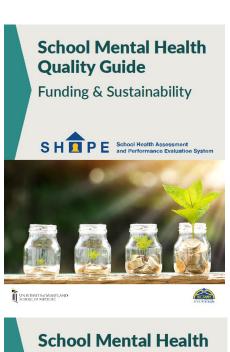
# **Quality Guides**

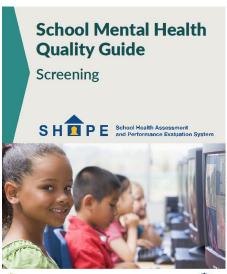


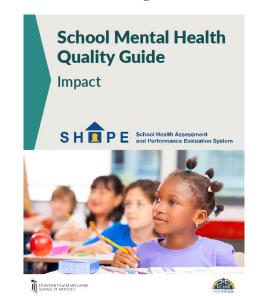
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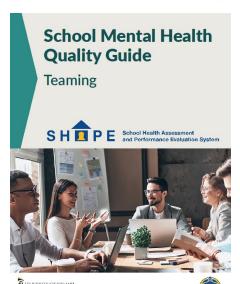
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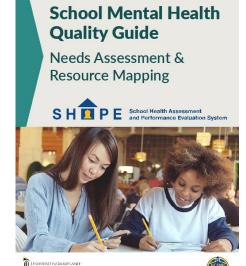
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- Action steps
- Examples from the field
- Resources

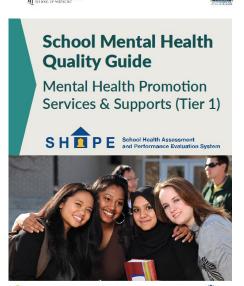


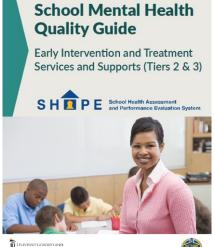
















# Teaming Quality Guide

# What is a School Mental Health Team?

A school mental health team is a group of school and community stakeholders at a school or district level that meets regularly, uses data-based decision making, and relies on action planning to support student mental health.

### **Community partnerships**





### **Best Practices**

Partnering with the community, including health and mental health providers, can augment efforts of the school.

- ✓ Establish communication mechanisms (e.g., team meetings, email communications, conference calls) to ensure ongoing and effective communication between school leadership/staff and community partners.
- ✓ Use memorandums of understanding or other agreements to detail the terms of the partnership (e.g., by whom, what, when, where, and how will services/supports be provided).
- Support a full continuum of care within a multi-tiered system of support by school and community partners
  working together and maximizing their respective knowledge and resources.
- Use data sharing agreements to allow for accessing and sharing data to inform needed services and supports
  and the impact of partnership activities.

### Tips

Data sharing agreements may be between schools and other districts or educational organizations, community mentorship organizations, and students' health service providers.

Data sharing agreements may address:

- Specific Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) programming
- Data collected on the success of programming
- Building and community awareness of topics related to mental health
- Assessment and mental health related treatment data from external





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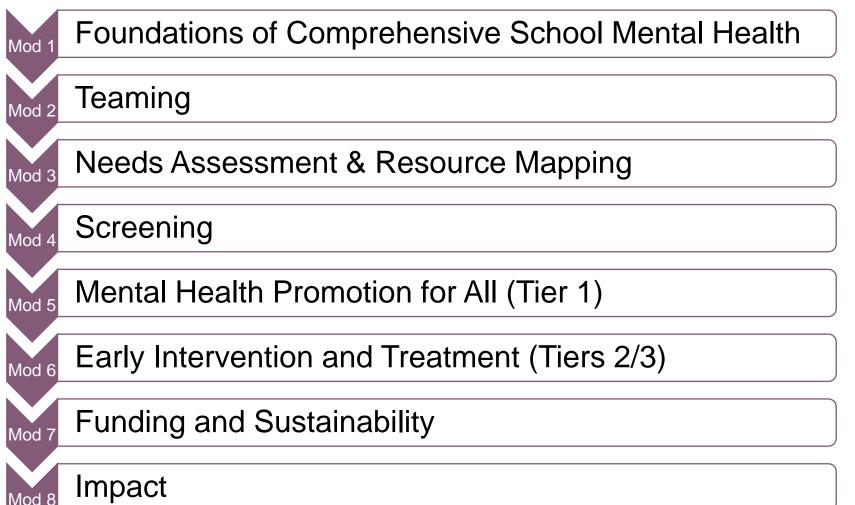


Evidence-based practices



Diverse funding

# National School Mental Health Best Practices- Implementation Guidance Modules www.mhttcnetwork.org





National School Mental Health Curriculum: Guidance and Best Practices for States,

**Districts, and Schools** 

**Trainer Manual** 

### **Quality Indicators**

- Provide access to needed services and supports.
- Determine whether services are evidence-informed.
- Ensure all services and supports are evidence-informed.
- Ensure fit with strengths, needs, and cultural and linguistic considerations
- Ensure adequate resources for implementation.
- Provide interactive training and ongoing supports.
- Monitor fidelity.
- Ensure intervention goals are SMART.
- Monitor student progress across tiers.
- Implement a systematic protocol for emotional and behavioral crisis response.

## **Intervention Planning Form**

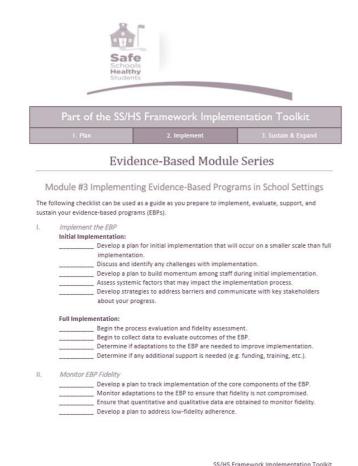
### INTERVENTION PLANNING FORM

School or district mental health teams are encouraged to complete this form when planning to adopt an intervention. The primary goal of this form is to help teams predict appropriate intervention staffing and time burden.

Intervention Name	Tier			Planning/Preparation before or during implementation		Supervision providing or receiving		Delivery			Evaluation and Feedback schoolwide and student-specific				
	1	2	3	Who	Hours/ Wk	Duration	Who	Hours/ Wk	Duration	Who	Hours/ Wk	Duration	Who	Hours/ Wk	Duration
Example: Check In Check Out		х	х	T.Cooper S.Barrey Teachers	1-2 1 .5	Aug-May Aug-Dec Aug-Oct	S. Barrey	1	Aug-May	10 teachers	1	Oct-May	T.Cooper L. Sands	.5 5	Aug-May Dec, May

## Implementing EBPs in School Settings Checklist

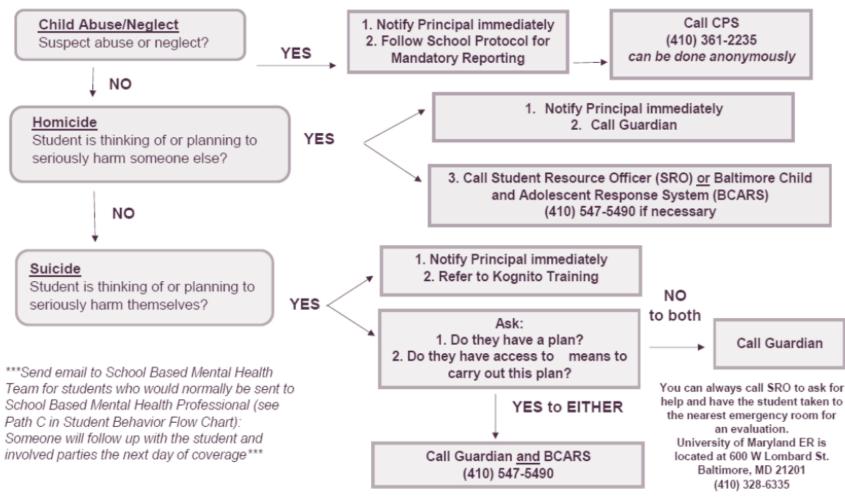
- Develop a plan to track implementation of core components of the EBP.
- 2. Monitor adaptations to the EBP to check fidelity.
- Ensure that quantitative and qualitative data are obtained to monitor fidelity.
- 4. Develop a plan to address low-fidelity adherence.



https://healthysafechildren.org/sites/default/files/EBP-ModulesChkltsMod-3-508.pdf

# **Example Crisis Response Protocol**

### Crisis Protocol for Days of No Mental Health Coverage



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# Key areas of focus



Mental health promotion



Build your team and system- family, school, community partnerships



Evidence-based practices



Diverse funding



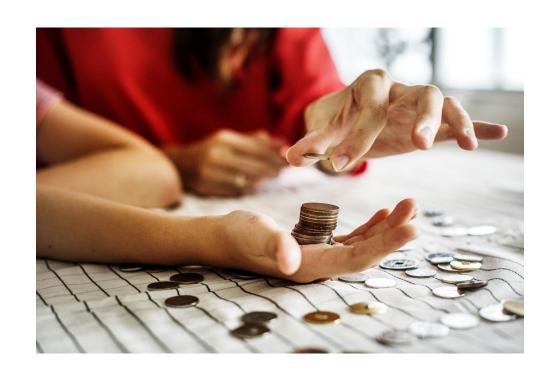


# **Module 7: Funding and Sustainability**

National School Mental Health Best Practices: Implementation Guidance Modules for States, Districts, and Schools

# **Explore Diverse Funding Opportunities**

- School
- Local/district/county
- Tribal
- Territory
- State
- Federal
- Private foundations, donors



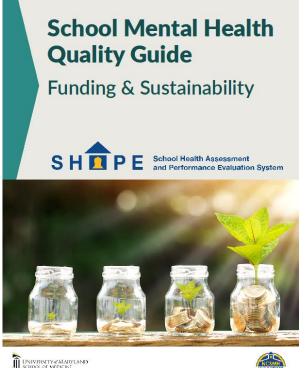


# School Mental Health Quality Guide: Funding and Sustainability

Provides guidance to advance school mental health quality and sustainability

### Includes:

- Background
- Best practices
- Action steps
- Examples from the field
- Resources



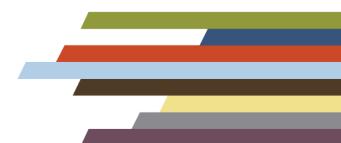
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## **Leveraging Funding Resources**

- Conduct a comprehensive scan of existing funding opportunities.
- Establish partnerships with community mental health programs and other agencies and organizations to expand available services, resources, and infrastructure.
- Develop an MOU that documents agreed-upon services.
- Think beyond dollars and consider exchanging services, training, or resources.



# Sustainable Funding Streams

- Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Title Funding:
  - Titles I, II, III, IVA
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Federal grant programs (e.g., Project AWARE, CDC Healthy Schools Program)
- State and local funding
- Community partnerships
- Medicaid





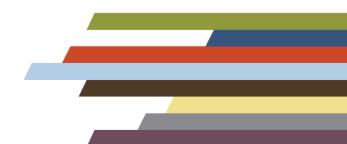


### **Reflection:**

What ideas does your school have to expand potential funding partners?

### **Considerations**

- Identify 3 potential allies in your community who are likely to share some of the same aims as your CSMHS initiative.
- Think of at least 2 potential "investors" in the expansion and sustainability of your initiative who have not been engaged before.









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# SMH Resources Summary

- Join our NCSMH listserv or follow us on Twitter
  - http://www.schoolmentalhealth.org/Connect/Listserv--Newsletters/
  - @NCSMHtweets
- Sign up for SHAPE
  - https://www.theshapesystem.com/
- National SMH Best Practices- Implementation Guidance Modules
  - <a href="https://mhttcnetwork.org/now-available-school-mental-health-curriculum">https://mhttcnetwork.org/now-available-school-mental-health-curriculum</a>
  - <a href="https://mhttcnetwork.org/centers/global-mhttc/school-mental-health-curriculum-always-and-now-learning-series">https://mhttcnetwork.org/centers/global-mhttc/school-mental-health-curriculum-always-and-now-learning-series</a>





# **Advancing Policy**



AMERICA'S SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH REPORT CARD

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# **Advancing Policy**

- Mental Health Services for Students Act (S.1841/H.R. 721)
- Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Act (S. 3356/H.R. 6214)
- Safe Schools Improvement Act (H.R. 2653)

### School Mental Health Policy Map

The School Mental Health Policy Map displays and links to key state-level policies and information related to school mental health. Decision makers, state and local leaders, and school mental health stakeholders can use this map to better understand the school mental health landscape in their state and across the country. Inclusion of a policy on the map does not indicate endorsement of policies or that a policy is implemented to fidelity.

The NCSMH will regularly update and add to this map. If you see something missing or outdated from your state in one of the categories, please e-mail the NCSMH at ncsmh@som.umaryland.edu with the subject line "Map Update."

To help understand your own state's school mental health landscape, we encourage state leaders to create a state account on the SHAPE System and complete the State School Mental Health Profile. Information shared will be only shared in aggregate.

Interested in understanding your state's school mental health landscape? Complete the **State School Mental Health Profile!** 

### Categories

Alternatives to **Exclusionary Discipline** 

**Bullying Prevention** 

Culturally Responsive Teaching

**Every Student Succeeds** Act (Chronic Absenteeism and School Climate)

Funding

Mental Health Staff-to-Student Ratios

Social Emotional Learning

Suicide Prevention

Professional Development: Trauma Exclusionary discipline policies, such as suspensions or expulsions, can have long-term negative consequences on youth (e.g. school dropout and involvement in the juvenile justice system) and school climate (White House Report: The Continuing Need To Rethink Discipline; HHS and U.S. DoE Policy Statement on Exclusionary Discipline). Although federal data demonstrate steady declines in suspensions and expulsions, data indicate that students of color and students with disabilities continue to be disproportionately suspended or expelled.

Several states have addressed the negative consequences and disparities related to exclusionary discipline by enacting policies that direct schools and districts to eliminate or reduce punitive discipline practices and/or implement restorative practices.



**Statuses** (Many link to policy)





# Thank you!

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