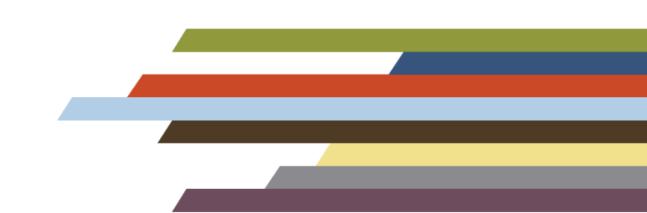


Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (MHTTC) Introduction and National School Mental Health Curriculum

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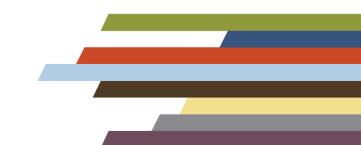
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- Established in August 2018 with funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
- 10 Regional Centers
 - Your Regional Center: Great Lakes MHTTC Region 5 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison
- National Hispanic & Latino Center
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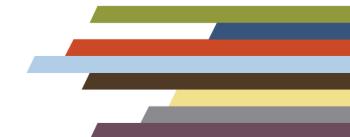




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Focus Areas

- Advancing Comprehensive School Mental Health Framework
- Suicide Prevention
- Trauma Informed Care
- Tier 1/Universal Supports
 - Youth Mental Health First Aid
 - Social Emotional Learning



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Available Webinars - on our YouTube Channel "Great Lakes Current"

- The Role of Schools in Preventing Suicide 3-part series
 - Introduction: The Role of Schools in Preventing Suicide
 - Resources and Programs for Schools
 - Program Spotlight: Signs of Suicide (SOS) and Elyssa's Mission
- Program Introduction: TRAILS to Wellness
 - Implementing 3-tiered evidence based mental health practice in schools
- Vaping and Youth 2-part series
 - Vaping Overview and CATCH My Breath Program Spotlight
 - Vaping: Education vs Punishment and Using Deferred Citation
- Second Step Social Emotional Learning Program 2-part series
 - Second Step K-8: Safe, Supported and Ready to Learn
 - Second Step Leadership Institute: An Introduction and Call for Applications

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Examples of In-Person Trainings and Learning Collaboratives

- Depression, Anxiety, & Self-Injury: Equipping Schools for Effective Response
 - 1-day training in Minnesota
- Youth Mental Health First Aid with School Safety Officers
 - 1-day training in Indiana
- Implementing Strategic Change using the NIATx Model and the National Curriculum for School Mental Health
 - 9-month learning collaborative with community mental health centers in Wisconsin
- TRAILS To Wellness Program Implementation
 - Initial training, follow-up coaching, and ongoing professional support

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



NOW AVAILABLE!

The MHTTC National School Mental Health Curriculum: Guidance and Best Practices for States, Districts, and Schools



Includes:

- Trainer manual
- Participant manual
- 8 modules designed for delivery in one-hour sessions
- 5 recorded virtual learning sessions

The curriculum is focused on the core features of effective school mental health systems including: roles for educators and student instructional support personnel; collaboration and teaming; multi-tiered systems of support; evidence-informed services and supports; cultural responsiveness and equity; and data-driven decision making. The curriculum is intended to be used by district teams to influence, develop, and oversee school mental health systems in districts and schools and is aligned with the national performance domains and indicators established as part of the National Quality Initiative on School Health (www.theSHAPEsystem.com).

For a detailed overview of the curriculum, visit our website @ MHTTCnetwork.org



To access this FREE resource visit bit.ly/national-smhcurriculum









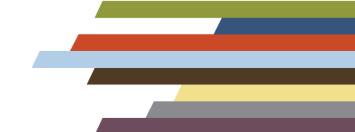
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National School Mental Health Curriculum





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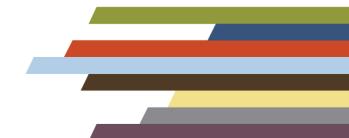
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Agenda

- Curriculum Overview and Target Audience
- Alignment with School Mental Health Quality Assessment
- What Is Comprehensive School Mental Health?
- Core Features
- Value
- District Examples



Curriculum Development

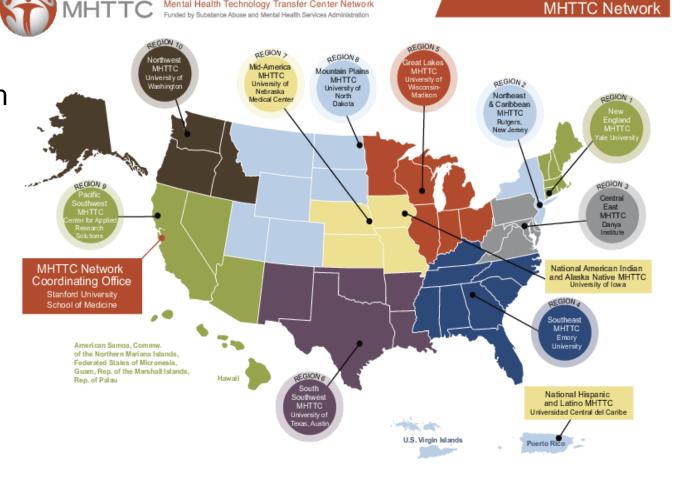
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National Center for School Mental Health (NCSMH)

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 The NCSMH mission is to strengthen policies and programs in school mental health to improve learning and promote success for America's youth.





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Curriculum Overview

Foundations of Comprehensive School Mental Health **Teaming** Needs Assessment & Resource Mapping Screening Mental Health Promotion for All (Tier 1) Early Intervention and Treatment (Tiers 2/3) Funding and Sustainability **Impact**

Target Audience

District teams that can influence, develop, and oversee school mental health systems at the school district and building levels.



District teams may include:

- School District Leaders (e.g., Superintendent, School Board)
- School Administrators (e.g., Principal, Assistant Principal)
- District Mental Health Director or Student Services Supervisor (e.g., Director of Student Services, District Supervisor School Psychologists/Social Workers/Counselors)
- Community Behavioral Health Agency Supervisor/Director (e.g., clinical director of an agency that provides school-based services in the district)
- Youth/Family Advocate or Consumer



Quality Indicators

Each module aligns with the national performance domains and indicators of comprehensive school mental health system quality.

National School Mental Health Quality Assessment (SMH-QA; NCSMH, 2019)

Best Practices

Quality indicators have best-practice guidelines

 Used to self-assess indicator implementation and guide strategic quality improvement planning

Overview of School Mental Health Quality Domains and Indicators

School Mental Health National Quality Assessment Overview of Domains and Indicators





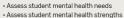
Quality Domains

- 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

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-based decisions to deter
- Data sharing

Needs Assessment/ Resource Mapping Assess student mental health nee



- Use needs assessment results to select, plan and implement services and supports
- Conduct resource mapping to identify existing services and supports
- Use resource map to select, plan and implement services and
- Align existing services and supports

Mental Health Promotion Services & Supports

- Tier 1 Services and Supports:
- School Climate
 Positive Discipline Practices
- Teacher and School Staff Well-Being
 Mental Health Literacy
 Positive Behaviors and Relationships
 Social Emotional Learning
- Positive benaviors and Relationships Social Emotional Leaf
- evidence-informed

 Ensure fit with strengths, needs, cultural, and linguistic
- considerations
- Ensure adequate resources for implementation
- Provide interactive training and ongoing supports
- Monitor fidelity

Early Intervention and TIERS 2&3 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
- Monitor fidelity
- Ensure intervention goals are SMART
 Monitor student progress across tiers
- Implement a systematic protocol for emotional and

Screening



TIER 1

- Use best practices for mental health screening planning and implementation
- 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
 Have strategies in place to retain staff
- Maximize expertise and resources of partners to support ongoing
- Maximize expertise and resources of partners to support ongo professional development
- · 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

- · # of students who
- 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 health system

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





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SHAPE helps districts and schools improve their school mental health systems! HOW?











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School Health Assessment and Performance Evaluation (SHAPE) System

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SHAPE helps districts and schools improve their school mental health systems! HOW?



SHAPE users map their school mental health services and supports



Assess system quality using national performance standards



Receive custom reports and strategic planning guidance and resources



Utilize additional SHAPE features including the Screening and Assessment Library and Trauma-Responsive Schools Assessment and Resources

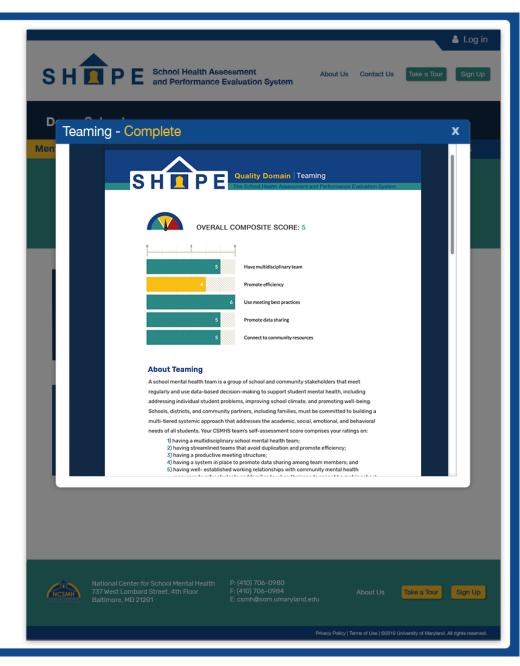


Use state and district dashboards to collaborate with schools in your region



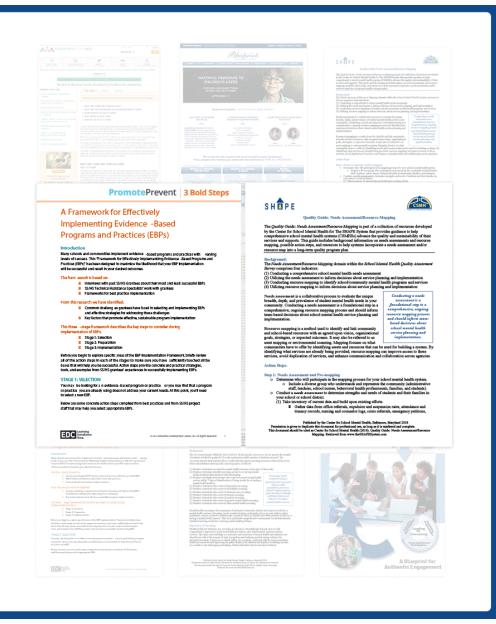
Assessments & Reports

With a SHAPE account. you can assess, track, and advance your school or district's quality improvement goals and assess trauma responsiveness across multiple areas. You'll get free, customized reports to drive your action planning, share your performance with key stakeholders, and help you monitor your progress over time.



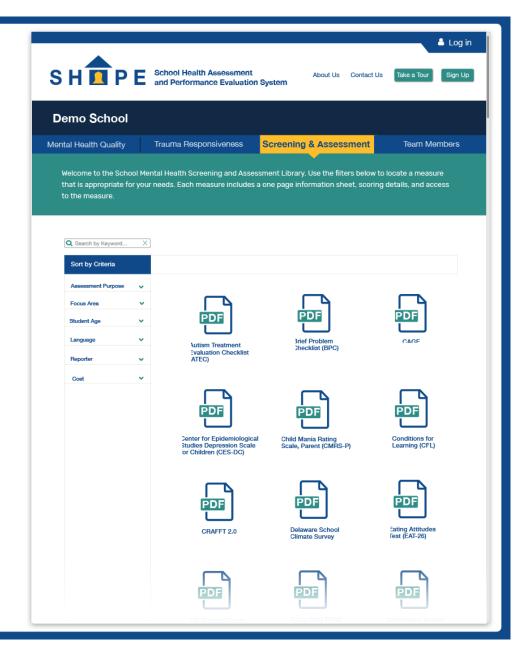
Targeted Resources & Guides

Our comprehensive resource library includes public access resources hand selected by a team of school mental health experts. Sort resources by topic to hone in on specific team goals or generate ideas for action steps related to your own improvement goals.



Screening & Assessment Library

Our extensive screening and assessment library includes a variety of free and low-cost measures related to school mental health.



EARN SHOPE RECOGNITION

Bronze, Silver or Gold Star SHAPE Teams have access to customized reports and free resources and can add team members to join their SHAPE account.



School Mental Health Profile

Earn a Bronze Star by completing the School Mental Health Profile.

Assess your school or district SMH resources, staffing and service array.



Quality Assessment

Earn a Silver Star by completing one Quality Assessment. Assess your school or district performance on national school mental health quality indicators. Get free customized Quality reports to drive your improvement process.



Complete all Quality Assessments to earn your

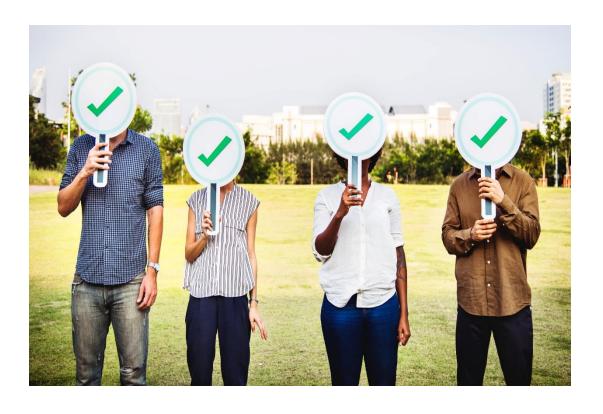
Gold Star status!

What Is Comprehensive School Mental Health?

Comprehensive School Mental Health Systems

- Provide a full array of supports and services that promote positive school climate, social emotional learning, mental health, and well-being, while reducing the prevalence and severity of mental illness
- Built on a strong foundation of district and school professionals, including administrators and educators, specialized instructional support personnel (e.g., school psychologists, school social workers, school counselors, school nurses, other school health professionals) in strategic partnership with students, families, and community health and mental health partners
- Assess and address the social and environmental factors that impact health and mental health

Core Features



- Educators and Student Instructional Support Personnel
 - Adequate staffing and support
 - Trained to address student mental health in schools
- Collaboration and Teaming
 - Youth and families
 - Community health/mental health and other partners
- Multitiered System of Supports
 - Mental health promotion support (Tier 1)
 - Early intervention and treatment services and supports (Tiers 2-3)
- Evidence-Informed Services and Supports
- Cultural Responsiveness and Equity
- Data-Driven Decision-Making

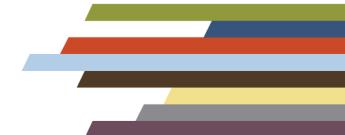
Educators and Student Instructional Support Personnel

- District and school professionals are the foundation of comprehensive school mental health systems.
 - Administrators and Educators
 - Student Instructional Support Personnel
 - School Psychologists
 - School Counselors
 - School Social Workers
 - School Nurses
 - Other Health Professionals
- Consider nationally recognized staffing ratios.
- Community partners should augment existing supports and services in a strategic and integrated way.

Collaboration and Teaming

- Students
- Families
- Schools
- Community health and mental health
- Policymakers
- Funders





Examples of Partnership

- School-community advisory group
- Needs assessment process and program selection
- Family-centered procedures
- Communications
- Evaluating programs and communicating results



Community Partnerships

Partnerships between schools and community mental health organizations are **purposeful**, and designed to:

- Augment the abilities of schools to address barriers to learning and promote social-emotional well-being
- Provide a broader array of supports, including mental health promotion, prevention, and intervention within a multitiered system of support
- Improve access to mental health care



Multitiered System of Supports (MTSS)

Tier 3

Targeted interventions for students with serious concerns that affect 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

Professional development and support for a healthy school workforce

Family-School-Community partnerships

Key Considerations in MTSS

Needed supports and services are fluid.

Students need different levels of support at different times throughout development.

Tiers are layered.

 Students who receive higher levels of support continue to benefit from universal mental health promotion supports.

Invest in mental health promotion!

- Effective mental health promotion (Tier 1) supports can reduce the degree of need for higher-level supports in a school or district.
- Provide more intensive and targeted services and supports at the individual, group, or family level to address mental health concerns.
 - Students at risk for more serious mental health concerns (Tier 2) are able to participate in programs and supports that address their risk factors and promote positive social-emotionalbehavioral learning.
 - Students already experiencing mental health concerns (Tier 3) have individualized services and supports that can improve mental health and overall well-being.

Evidence-Informed Supports and Services



- ✓ Services and supports that are backed by scientific and/or practice-based evidence
 - √ Teams need a system to evaluate evidence
- Ongoing monitoring of implementation success
- ✓ Systematic, reliable data informs decisions about student supports and services

Sources of Evidence

- Evidence-based practice registries
- Research literature
- Evidence-based practice developers
- Schools implementing the service or support





Cultural Responsiveness and Equity

 Responsive to the specific cultural values, beliefs, and behaviors of families and communities

 Ensure access to mental health supports and services in a manner that is equitable and reduces disparities across all students



Equity in Mental Health Framework Recommendations

- Mental health and well-being of all students
- Guidance to various student subgroups
- Diverse and culturally competent faculty and staff
- National and international equity issues/events
- Accessible, safe communication and effective response system
- Culturally and linguistically appropriate services and supports
- Disaggregate key data points



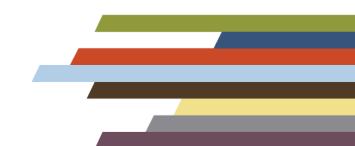
Data-Driven Decision-Making

Observations and other data/information should be used to make **fair**, **objective decisions** about:

- Identifying student mental health needs
- Matching students to appropriate services and supports
- Monitoring progress to evaluate student response to interventions
- Changing student services and supports over time as appropriate

Data Sources in Schools:

- ✓ Mental health screenings and assessments
- √ School climate surveys
- ✓ Grades
- √ Attendance/seat time
- ✓ Performance test scores
- ✓ Office referrals
- ✓ Suspensions/expulsions
- ✓ Achievement/benchmark test scores
- √ Behavioral observations
- ✓ Crisis incidents



Reflection:

Which core features are your district doing very well – throughout the district or in select school(s)?

Which core features do you wish were more consistently present in all your schools?

How do you think families would respond to the question of which core features are the school or district doing well?

Comprehensive School Mental Health Core Features Checklist: □ Educators and Student Instructional Support Personnel □ Adequate staffing and support ☐ Trained to address student mental health in schools □Collaboration and Teaming ☐ Youth and families □Community health/mental health and other partners ☐ Multitiered System of Supports ☐ Mental health promotion support (Tier 1) □Early intervention and treatment services and supports (Tiers 2-3) □ Evidence-Informed Services and Supports □Cultural Responsiveness and Equity □ Data-Driven Decision-Making

The Value of Comprehensive School Mental Health

Mental Health Promotion



What 1 skill would you wish for all graduating students to possess?

Mental Health Intervention

Schools are the primary mental health service provider for children.

60-80% of children who receive mental health services do so in schools.

(Burns et al., 1995; Green et al., 2013)

20% of students receive some form of school mental health services annually.

(Foster et al., 2005)



School Mental Health Impact

School Mental Health Matters



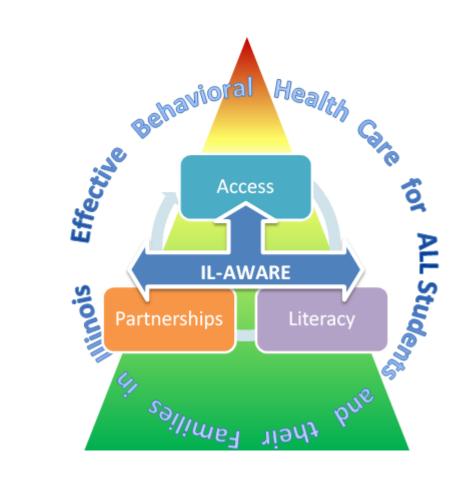


NCSMH, 2019

School Mental Health Outcomes

- Improvements in social and self-awareness, decision-making capacity, and relationship skills (Durlak et al., 2011)
- Better academic outcomes (Durlak et al., 2011; Kase et al., 2017)
- Fewer special education referrals and decreased need for restrictive placements (Bruns et al., 2004)
- Fewer disciplinary actions (Flannery et al., 2014; Taylor et al., 2017)
- Increased student engagement and feelings of connectedness to school (Greenberg et al., 2005)

Illinois Example



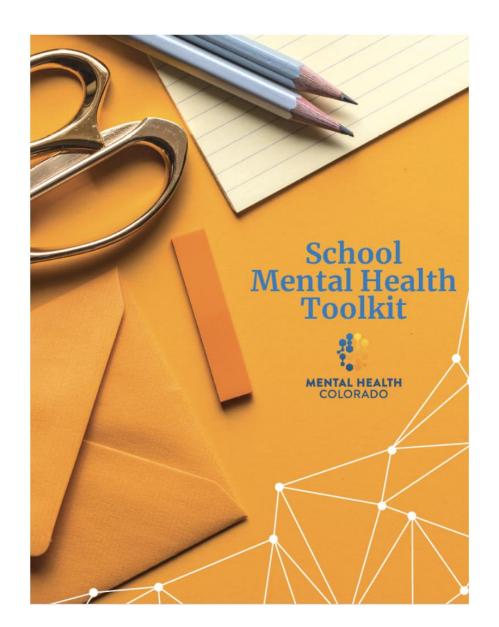


State Example

Wisconsin's School Mental Health Initiative

- 3 supporting grants:
 - Safe Schools Healthy Students
 - Project AWARE
 - School Climate Transformation
- State School Mental Health Framework

www.schoolmentalhealthwisconsin.org/



State Example

Colorado's School Mental Health Toolkit

- Blueprint for school mental health services
- Tool for community members, schools, local leaders, and districts
- Includes 10 best practices, including strategies for implementing, funding, and sustaining mental health services in schools



Discussion

How does this content fit with your district's understanding and implementation of the core features of comprehensive school mental health?

Strategic Planning

- State a specific goal for your district related to comprehensive school mental health.
- List 3 potential action steps to move this goal forward.



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