

# Professional Learning: Interconnected Systems Framework (ISF)

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A vast field of sunflowers stretches across the foreground and middle ground, leading to a distant treeline. The sky is filled with dramatic, colorful clouds in shades of orange, red, and blue, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a sunset scene. The text is overlaid in white, sans-serif font.

Who is here today?  
Please make a name tent  
for yourself...  
thank you

# Our Time Together

## Morning

- Develop a shared understanding around this work
- Explore our collective “why”
- Develop shared meaning of Mental Health
- Explore how we are organized to support implementation
- Explore tools, processes to support our work

## Afternoon

- Identify ISF implementation features at a school level
- Explore ways to support school level implementation
- Identify school-wide and classroom features to leverage as support for this work



## Values

Pick 2-3 of these or your own that your team wants to practice today.

We are Kind	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ We acknowledge one another</li><li>▪ We hold ourselves accountable to one another</li><li>▪ We consider the weight of our words before speaking</li></ul>
We are Responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ We take time to build relationships with ourself &amp; others</li><li>▪ We welcome, appreciate, &amp; affirm our collective cultural differences</li><li>▪ We believe others when they share their experiences &amp; feelings</li></ul>
We are Curious, Respectful & Affirming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ We listen to understand</li><li>▪ We assume best intentions</li><li>▪ We practice perspective-taking</li></ul>
We are Physically & Emotionally Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ We ask for clarity to understand and contribute</li><li>▪ We create a safe space that invites open dialogue and vulnerability – Pause &amp; Consider: Is what I want to say Kind? True for me? Necessary?</li><li>▪ We invite &amp; make it safe to ask questions &amp; make mistakes</li></ul>

## Community Builder: I see you...

Attribution: Adapted from Brown, B. (2020, March 23). Unlocking Us Podcast Series.

Last show you binged and loved.  
What does this say about you?

You're called to be courageous in a situation that you are also feeling fearful about. What's the first thing you do?

Most impactful concert and/or movie.

Describe an ordinary moment in your life that brings you gratitude and/or joy.

What is something people often get wrong about you?

What do others do that makes you feel safe, seen, and heard?

# PBIS: A Continuous Improvement Framework

- We organize our teams and resources to be effective, efficient and we continuously examine our needs
- We make sure our kids are known, feel connected, valued and get help early.
- We invest in what is likely to work for our students
- We invest in our staff so they can support ALL students
- We make sure we are implementing well as we review student outcomes
- We continuously adjust based on need and improve based on our family, youth, staff and community input

# PBIS Core Features

- We organize our teams and resources to be effective, efficient and we continuously examine our needs
  - Diversified Team making decisions together
  - District supports school level teams, within each training there is time for facilitated action planning to incorporate new information and action steps into school level improvement plan
  - Diversified group of District Leaders participate in trainings, meetings, and learning walks
  - Use community & school data to highlight strengths and examine specific needs of students, families, and staff

# PBIS Core Features

- We make sure our kids are known, feel connected, valued and get help early.
  - Harness the knowledge of the community prior to students coming to school
  - Actively uncovering needs and fortifying Tier 1 system
  - Academic Screening and Progress monitoring
  - Social Emotional Behavioral Screening (externalizing and internalizing behaviors)



# PBIS Core Features

- We invest in what is likely to work for our students and we stop doing stuff that isn't working, doesn't match our needs, harming our students, especially our black and brown children.
  - Formal routine in place to determine what our students and staff need this year.
  - Evidence Based Practices- Hexagon Tool
    - Need
    - Evidence
    - Fit
    - Resources
    - Readiness
    - Capacity

# PBIS Core Features

- We invest in our staff so they can support ALL students
  - District cultivates a culture of wellness- prioritizing and committing to Staff Wellness
  - Time, space, support for training, coaching, planning, performance feedback
  - Expectations are realistic & feasible
  - Focus on host environment and whole population support

# PBIS Core Features

- We make sure we are implementing well as we review student outcomes
  - WE should never assign blame to students for not succeeding when we aren't holding ourselves accountable for high fidelity of evidence-based practices
  - Progress monitor and review fidelity and outcomes together

# PBIS Core Features

- We continuously adjust based on need and improve based on our partner input.
  - Plan, Do, Study, Act

# Core Values of PBIS

## Inclusion, Equity, Dignity and Belonging

Inclusion is engagement within a community where the equal worth and inherent dignity of each person is honored. An inclusive community promotes and sustains a sense of belonging; it affirms the talents, beliefs, backgrounds and ways of living of its members.

(Cobb and Krownapple, 2019)



“PBIS is NOT a curriculum adoption, it is about Transforming the System”-Dr. Kurt Hatch

“Inclusion Is NOT a strategy to help people fit into the systems and structures which exist in our societies. It is about transforming those systems and structures to make it better for everyone. Inclusion is about creating a better world for everyone.” Diane Richler

# Turn and Talk

How is this the same or different from your experience with PBIS?

# Current Context

Across the board, teachers struggling to feel that they are effectively and appropriately supporting students with intensive behaviors.

Administrators struggling to feel that they are effectively supporting staff with well-being.

Early childhood and primary buildings, rates of behaviors such as biting (others and self), hitting (others and self), anxiety, withdrawal, etc. program-wide that are unprecedented.

At Secondary level, increased suicide ideation, drug and alcohol misuse/abuse

# National Trends

- Increased Social Emotional Behavioral and Mental Health have been on an increasing trends for over a decade
- Majority of students/staff with anxiety, depression, trauma, generational trauma
- Racism is an adverse childhood experience- major long term health implications
- Social Determinants of Health and larger community context that impact student success
- Staff shortages- increasing and expected prior to pandemic
- 1:1 service delivery will not be enough
- Impact of healthy, positive, predictable, consistent nurturing environments – significantly impact wellbeing and academic achievement

# New CDC Report on U.S. Teen Girls

New CDC report raises urgency to invest in schools as a vital lifeline to help struggling youth

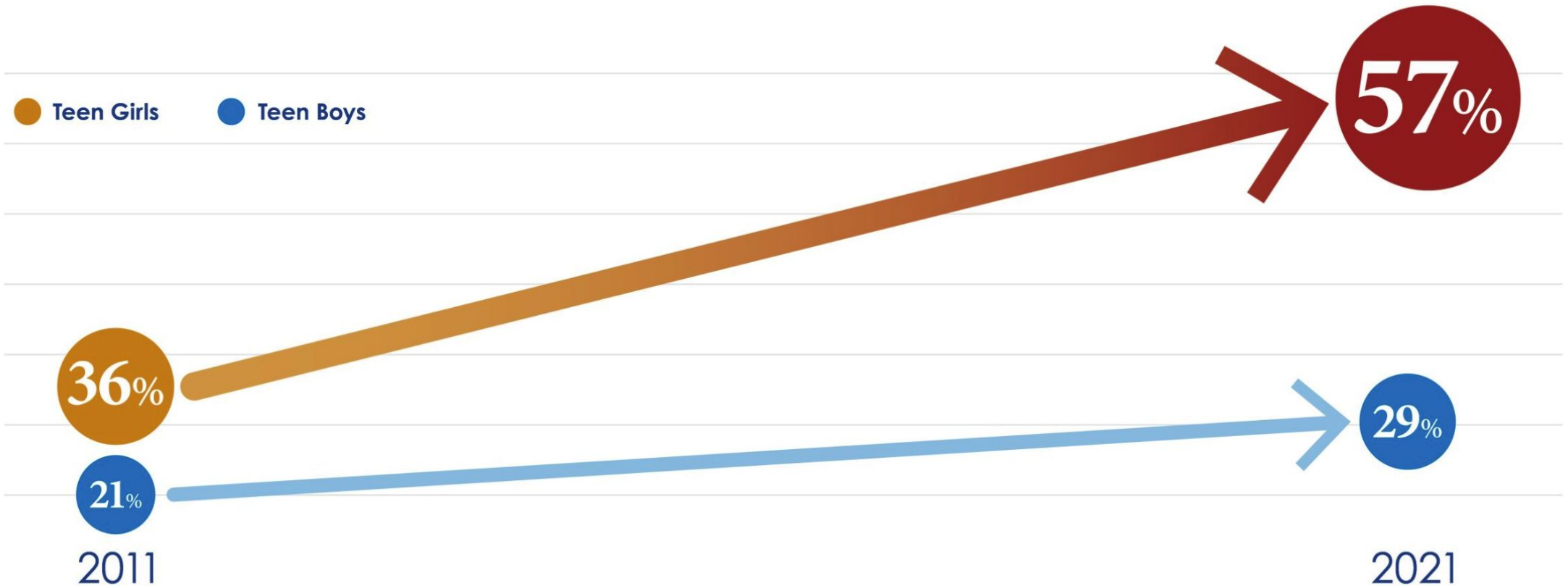
Teen girls are experiencing record high levels of violence, sadness, and suicide risk- role of social media

LGBQ+ teens continue to face extremely high levels of violence and mental health challenges

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchhstp/newsroom/2023/increased-sadness-and-violence-press-release.html>



# TEEN GIRLS WHO PERSISTENTLY FELT SAD OR HOPELESS INCREASED DRAMATICALLY FROM 2011 TO 2021

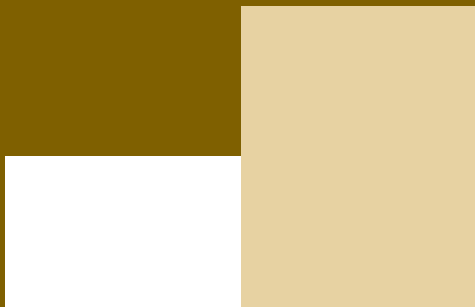


Youth Risk Nearly 1 in 3 (30%) seriously considered attempting suicide—up nearly 60% from a decade ago.

TEEN GIRLS WHO  
**EXPERIENCED SEXUAL VIOLENCE**  
**INCREASED**

**20%** 

BETWEEN 2017 AND 2021



2X

Suspensions are TWICE as high for students classified with disabilities, compared to their peers without disabilities.

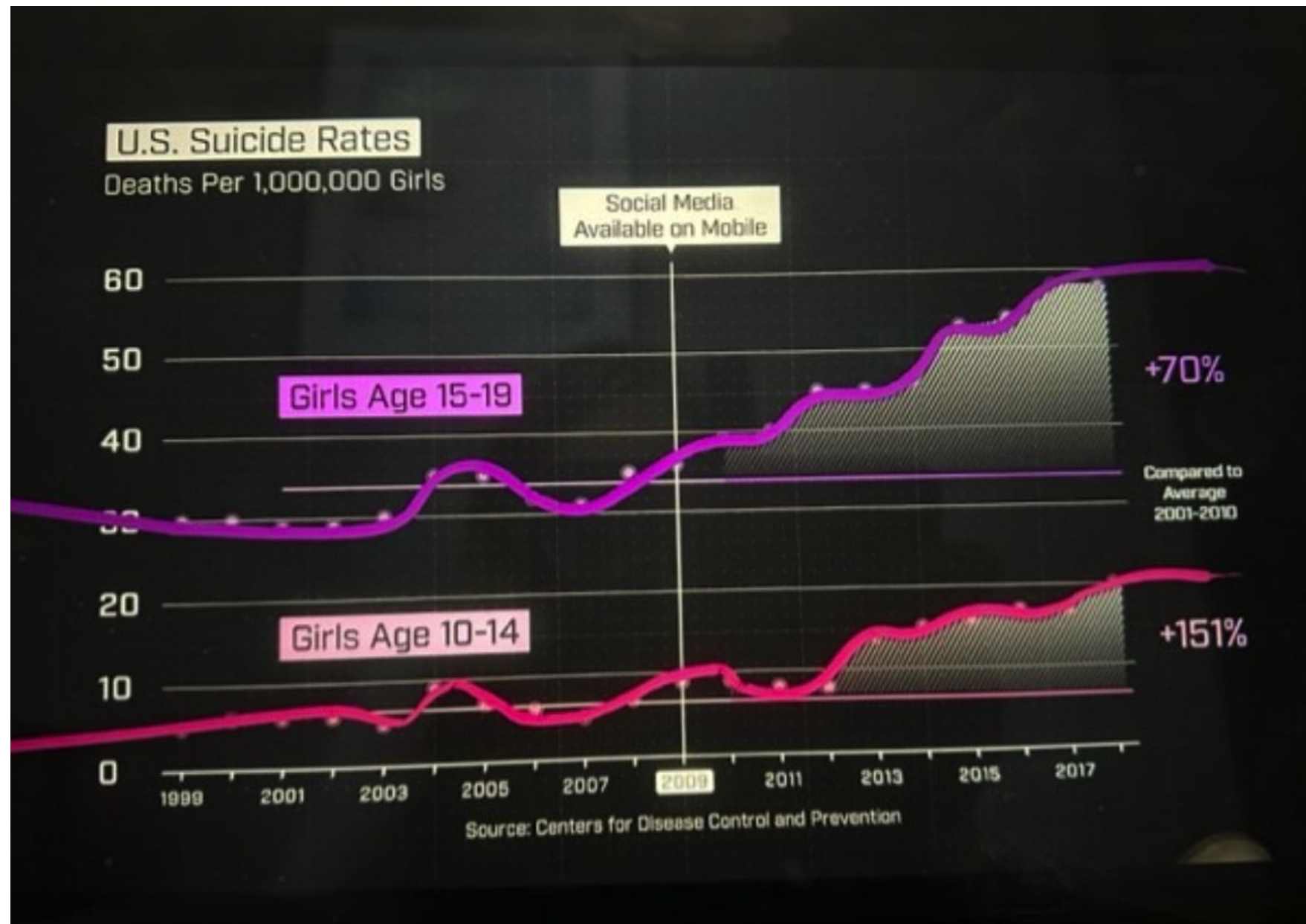


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One out of every four (25%) students of color, classified with disabilities, are suspended.

Social media  
2009-2010  
available on  
mobile  
devices

The Social Dilemma



# Teacher Stress

Relative to professionals in other sectors, educators experience significantly more stress and suffer more often from mental health problems. In fact, 61 percent of educators reported that their work is “always” or “often” stressful. Failing to address the mental health needs of teachers (concurrent with our focus on student stress and trauma) may affect their ability to address critical needs among students  
What are your sources of stress?



# What else?

Turn and Talk

BREATHE WITH THE HEART

Wellness Practice



DE STRESS  
MONDAY

#DESTRESSMONDAY

# The Way Forward

How do we use an interconnected approach to build a single system?

Expanding the utilization of PBIS to include other child serving systems and bringing youth/family/community to co-lead, co-design and adapt to fit culture/context/values.



**Secretary Miguel Cardona** 

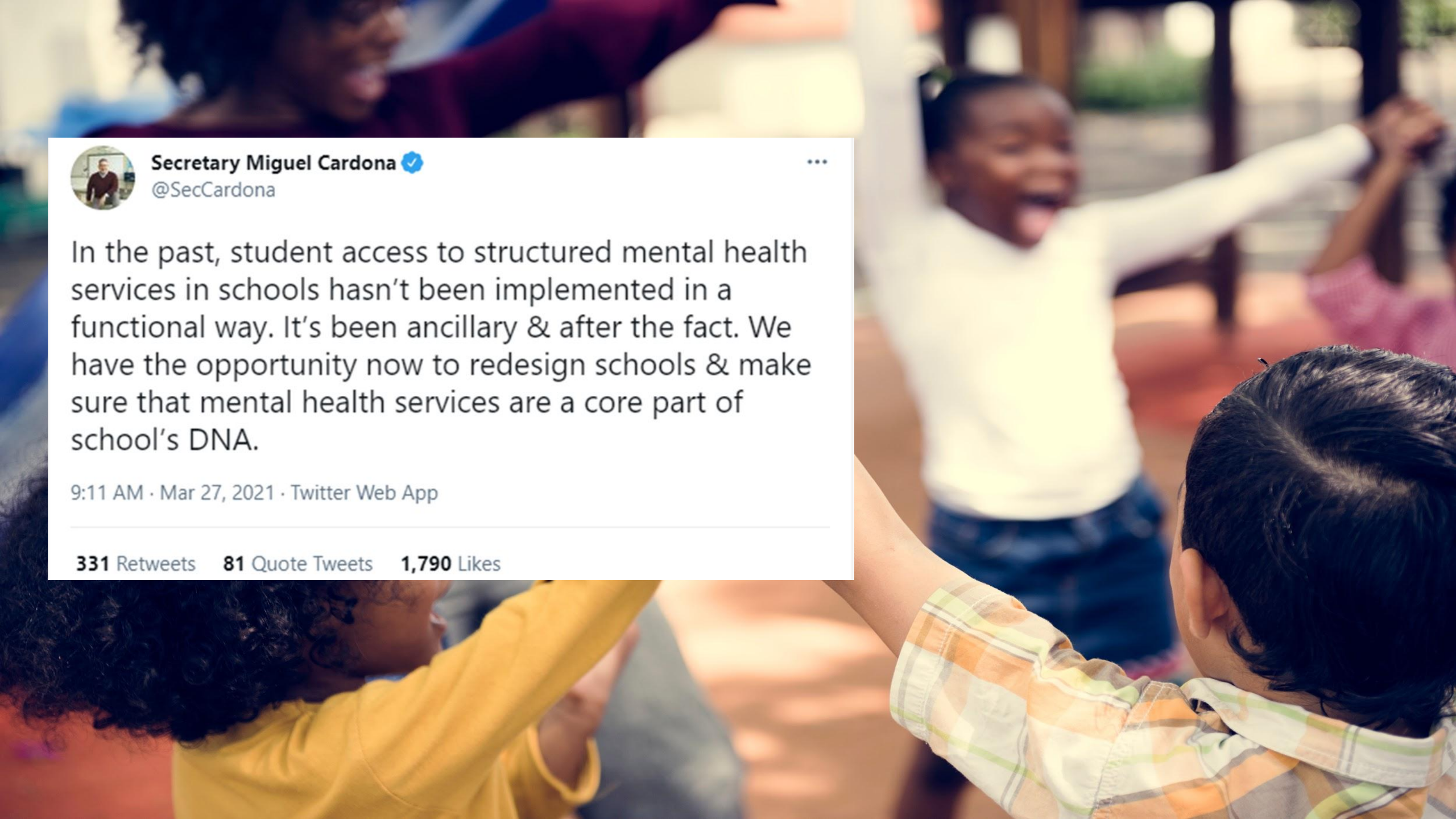
@SecCardona



In the past, student access to structured mental health services in schools hasn't been implemented in a functional way. It's been ancillary & after the fact. We have the opportunity now to redesign schools & make sure that mental health services are a core part of school's DNA.

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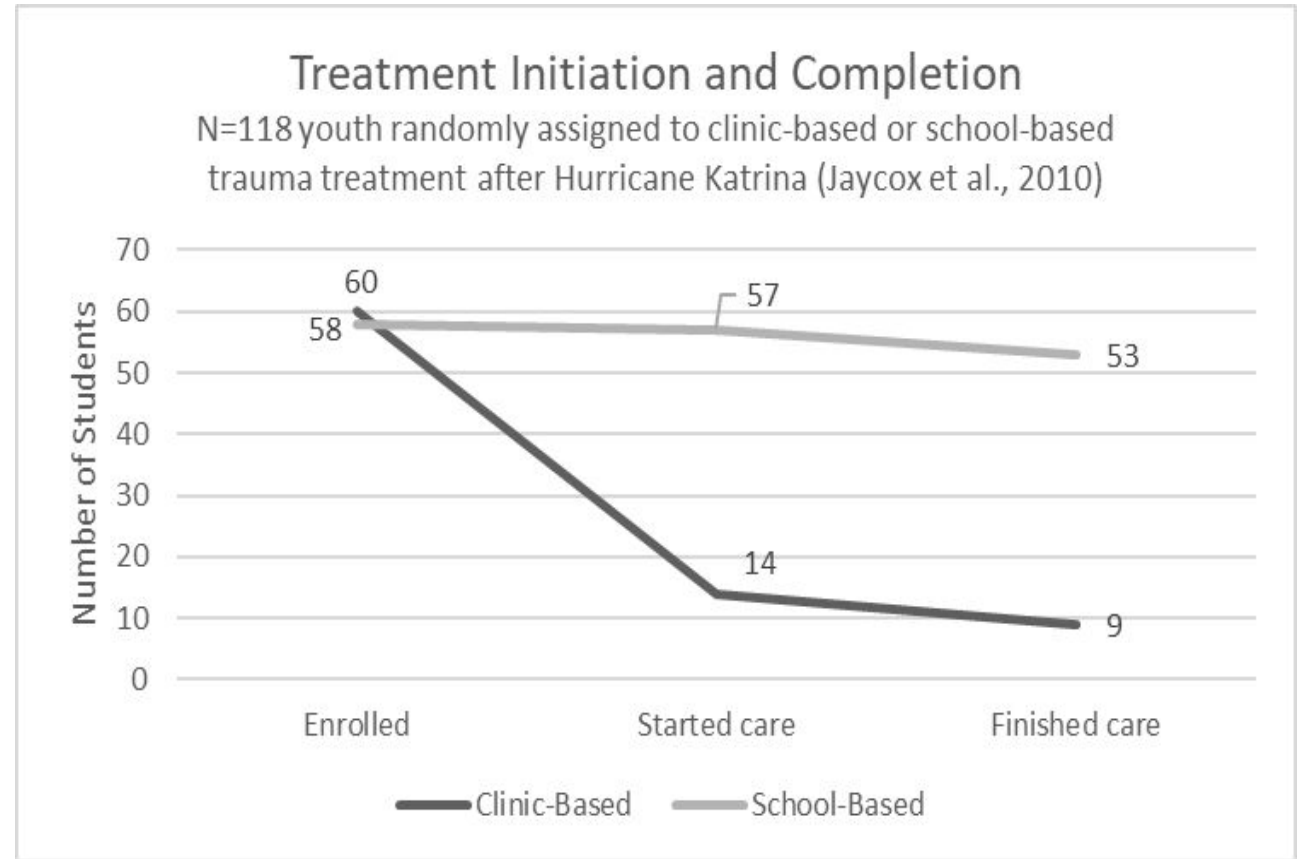
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# Why Mental Health in Schools?

School-based mental health services reach children in typical, every-day environments. The natural, non-stigmatizing location offers an early and effective environment for intervention.

- Youth are 6x more likely to complete mental health treatment in schools than in community settings (Jaycox et al., 2010)
- Mental health treatment has large effects on decreasing mental health symptoms (Sanchez et al., 2018)
- Mental health services are most effective when they are integrated into students' academic instruction (Sanchez et al., 2018)



Read more...  
new brief on The Case for School Mental Health

[https://smartcenter.uw.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Case-for-School-Mental-Health\\_2023-Update.pdf](https://smartcenter.uw.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Case-for-School-Mental-Health_2023-Update.pdf)

# Defining Interconnected Systems Framework (ISF)

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A Strategy for Building a Comprehensive Mental Health  
System in Schools



# Interconnected Systems Framework Defined

The Interconnected Systems Framework (ISF) is a structure and integration process that maximizes effectiveness and efficiency by blending the strengths of school and community with strengths of the multi-tiered system of support (MTSS) framework used in PBIS (Barrett, Eber, Weist, 2013). Both PBIS and MTSS emphasize prevention and the need for detecting mental health needs in students at the earliest sign of need and responding effectively with evidence-based strategies. To address the well documented gap between onset of mental health disorders and treatment, **schools must have the structures in place move upstream.**



MENTAL



HEALTH

# Developing a common definition of mental health

“Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social wellbeing. It affects how we think, feel, and act. It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make healthy choices. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood.”

-CDC

[https://www.samhsa.gov/mental-health;](https://www.samhsa.gov/mental-health)  
[https://www.cdc.gov/mentalhealth/learn/index.  
htm](https://www.cdc.gov/mentalhealth/learn/index.htm)

# Why is mental health important for overall health?

“Mental and physical health are equally important components of overall health. For example, depression increases the risk for many types of physical health problems, particularly long-lasting conditions like [diabetes](#), [heart disease](#), and stroke. Similarly, the presence of chronic conditions can increase the risk for mental illness.”

<https://www.cdc.gov/mentalhealth/learn/index.htm>

# Can your mental health change over time?

“Yes, it’s important to remember that a person’s mental health can change over time, depending on many factors. When the demands placed on a person exceed their resources and coping abilities, their mental health could be impacted. For example, if someone is working long hours, caring for a relative, or experiencing economic hardship, they may experience poor mental health.”

<https://www.cdc.gov/mentalhealth/learn/index.htm>

# How common are mental illnesses?

Mental illnesses are among the most common health conditions in the United States.

- More than 1 in 5 US adults live with a mental illness.
- Over 1 in 5 youth (ages 13-18) either currently or at some point during their life, have had a seriously debilitating mental illness.
- About 1 in 25 U.S. adults lives with a serious mental illness, such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, or major depression.

# What causes mental illness?

There is no single cause for mental illness. A number of factors can contribute to risk for mental illness, such as

- [Adverse Childhood Experiences](#), such as trauma or a history of abuse (for example, child abuse, sexual assault, witnessing violence, etc.)
- Experiences related to other ongoing (chronic) medical conditions, such as cancer or diabetes
- Biological factors or chemical imbalances in the brain
- Use of alcohol or drugs
- Having feelings of loneliness or isolation

<https://www.cdc.gov/mentalhealth/learn/index.htm>

# What is Mental Health? What is Wellness?

- ✓ Complete Mental Health is Social-Emotional-Behavioral
- ✓ Mental Health is more than simply the absence of psychological problems. The absence of psychological problems does not infer wellness or happiness.
- ✓ Therefore one's mental health, or wellness, is strong when they are experiencing both low levels of SEB psychological problems, and high levels of SEB competencies.



Romer, N., von der Embse, N., Eklund, K., Kilgus, S., Perales, K., Splett, J. W., Sudlo, S., Wheeler, D., (2020). Best Practices in Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Screening: An Implementation Guide. Version 2.0. Retrieved from [www.smhcollaborative.org/universalscreening](http://www.smhcollaborative.org/universalscreening)

<b>MENTAL HEALTH</b>							
<b>SEB PROBLEMS</b>				<b>SEB WELL-BEING AND COMPETENCIES</b>			
<b>INTERNALIZING</b>		<b>EXTERNALIZING</b>		<b>LIFE SATISFACTION</b>		<b>STRONG SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS</b>	
Trauma, Environmental stressors	Thinking errors, Withdrawal, Negative affect	Unsafe settings, Inconsistent routines, Low expectations	Rule violations, Substance use	Basic needs are met; Opportunities matched to values and interests	Gratitude, Empathy, Persistence, Optimism, Strengths use	Healthy interactions (high support, minimal bullying); Inclusive settings	Social and emotional skills
<b>RISK FACTORS</b>				<b>PROMOTIVE AND PROTECTIVE FACTORS</b>			

*Example Intervention Targets for Promoting Complete Mental Health; Adapted from Suldo & Romer, 2016.*




What does it mean to you?

MENTAL



HEALTH



What's my  
"Why"?

- Special Educator
- School Counselor
- Middle School  
Administrator
- PBIS State Coordinator,  
Maryland
- Technical Assistance  
Director, Center on PBIS
- Wife, Mom

What is your definition of mental health?  
What is our role in wellness?  
How can our organizations solve this collectively?



# Connection Matters

In its 85 years and counting, the Harvard Study of Adult Development has found that personal connections are the most important factor in long-term health and happiness.

<https://www.cnn.com/2023/02/10/85-year-harvard-study-found-the-secret-to-a-long-happy-and-successful-life.html>

## Suicidality and Self-Harm

：“Social isolation is arguably the strongest and most reliable predictor of suicidal ideation, attempts, and lethal suicidal behavior among samples varying in age, nationality, and clinical severity.”<sup>169</sup>

：2010 Study, “The Interpersonal Theory of Suicide”



# Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation



2023

The U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory on the  
Healing Effects of Social Connection and Community



<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/surgeon-general-social-connection-advisory.pdf>

# Protective and Risk Factors Defined

Risk factors are characteristics at the biological, psychological, family, community, or cultural level that precede and are associated with a higher likelihood of negative outcomes.

- SAMSHA

Protective factors are characteristics associated with a lower likelihood of negative outcomes or that reduce a risk factor's impact. Protective factors may be seen as positive countering events.

- SAMSHA



Upstream Solutions



# Downstream Solutions

(A Public Health parable, credited to Irving Zola, and illustrated in Upstream by Dan Heath)

# Getting Upstream: Unpacking Social Determinants

Social Determinants Social determinants of health (SDOH) are the nonmedical factors that influence health outcomes. They are the conditions in which people are born, grow, work, live, and age, and the wider set of forces and systems shaping the conditions of daily life. These forces and systems include economic policies and systems, development agendas, social norms, social policies, racism, climate change, and political systems

## How does the larger community context impact our mental health ?

# Protective Factors

Characteristics or environmental factors that reduce stress and can protect you when things are hard

In the context of our school and classroom communities, what are examples of protective factors?

# Risk Factors

Characteristics at the biological, psychological, family, community, or cultural level that precede and are associated with a higher likelihood of negative outcomes.

In the context of our school and classroom communities, what are examples of risk factors?



# Expanding Data Sources

What are the specific needs of the community?

Data Sources

General Trends and Key Findings

## School Data

Climate Survey

- 60% of students feel like they belong to the school community
- 80% of our staff feel like they belong to the school community
- 60% of students feel safe at school.

Youth Risk  
Assessment Survey

- 23% of students reported being in a fight one or more times during the last 12 months.
- 6% of students reported they had been threatened with a weapon on school property.

Academic Health

- 80% of students are on track to graduate on time
- 70% of students are reading at proficiency

Social Behavior Health

- 70% of students have engaged in behavior resulting in 0-1 office referrals during the last 12 months
- 30% of students screened positive for anxiety

Attendance Data

- 94% attendance rate- with variability across sub-groups.

## Community Data

Census Data

- 11% of families living in poverty
- 5% unemployment rate

Community Assets  
and Wellness

- 50% of students live within a mile of a park or faith based building.

Community  
Health Indicator

- 5% of homes in our community have elevated lead levels.

Behavior Risk Factor  
Surveillance Data:  
Health Risk Behaviors

- 15% of families are without health insurance (as compared to 6% district wide)
- 20% of families impacted by opioid misuse (as compared to 5% district wide)

***Here's What, So What, Now What***  
 Structure Protocol for Facilitated Dialogue & Action Planning

**Purpose of Structure:** *To encourage collaboration and dialogue about data and develop shared solutions.*

Evidence/Data/Observations that Identifies a Need:



Step 1: <i>Here's What!</i> Record 2-3 observations you made or information you heard that 'pops out' to you.	Step 2: <u>So</u> <i>What?</i> What are your interpretations or meaning of those observations or information you heard?	Step 3: <i>Now What?</i> What are possible implications for each idea recorded?
<i>I am noticing...</i>  <i>I heard ...</i>	<i>I'm wondering ...</i>	<i>Can we consider doing ...</i>  <i>As a result, we can ...</i>
<i>What can we do to support implementation of these ideas reflected in our "Now What"?</i>		
<i>Idea to implement</i>	<i>Resources Needed</i>	<i>Who? <u>When?</u></i>

Reflecting on your larger community context...

# Expanding PBIS to include MH with ISF Interconnected Systems Framework

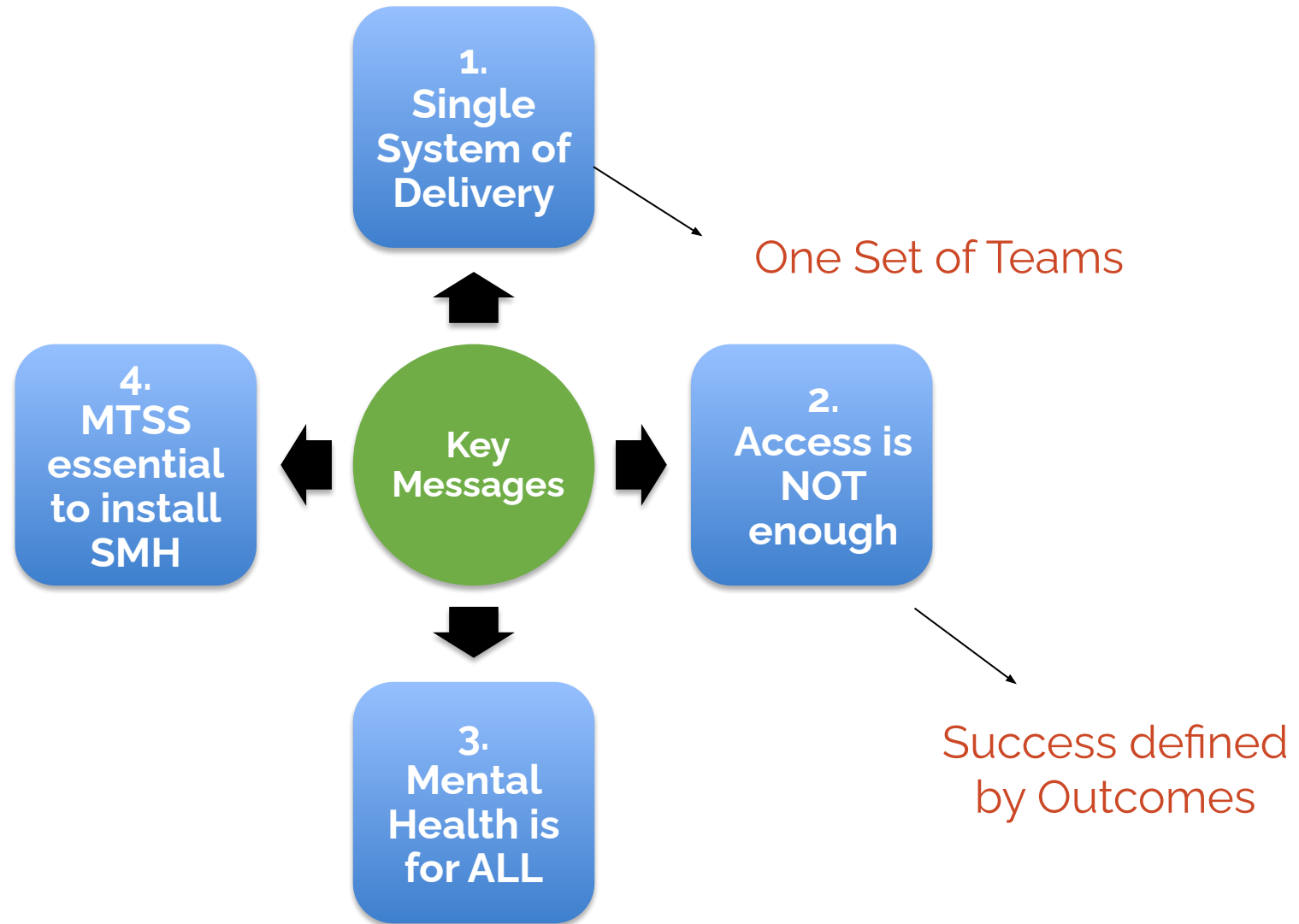
A Structure and process for education and mental health systems to interact in the most effective and efficient way.

guided by key stakeholders in education and mental health/community systems

who have the ability to reallocate resources, change role and function of staff, and change policy.



From your perspective, how does equity fit within the key messages?



Advancing Education Effectiveness:  
**Interconnecting School Mental  
Health and School-Wide PBIS**

Volume 2: An Implementation Guide



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## The Moves Have Been Scripted...

Chapter 1: Context and Structure for Volume

Chapter 2: Defining ISF: Origins, Critical Features, and Key Messages

Chapter 3: Exploration and Adoption

Chapter 4\*: Installing ISF at the District and Community Level

Chapter 5\*: Installing ISF at the Building Level

Chapter 6: Full Implementation and Sustainability

<https://www.pbis.org/resource/interconnecting-school-mental-health-and-pbis-volume>



“Do the best you can  
until you know better.  
Then when you know  
better, do  
better.”--~Maya Angelou





## Improved Student Outcomes

**academic achievement**

*(Angus & Nelson, 2021; Horner et al., 2009; Lassen et al., 2006; Nelson et al., 2002)*

**prosocial behavior**

*(Metzler et al., 2001; Nelson et al., 2002)*

**attendance**

*(Flannery et al., 2020\*; Freeman et al., 2015\*)*

**emotional regulation**

*(Bradshaw, Waasdorp, & Leaf, 2012)*

**reduced bullying behaviors**

*(Ross & Horner, 2009; Waasdorp, Bradshaw, & Leaf, 2012)*

**decreased rates of drug/alcohol use**

*(Bastable et al., 2015\*; Bradshaw et al., 2012)*

**social & academic outcomes for SWDs**

*(Lewis, 2017; Tobin, Horner, Vincent, & Swain-Bradway, 2012)*



## Reduced Exclusionary Discipline

**office discipline referrals**

*(Bradshaw, Mitchell, & Leaf, 2010; Bradshaw et al., 2012; Bradshaw et al., 2021\*  
Elrod et al., 2022\*; Flannery et al., 2014\*; Freeman et al., 2015\*; Horner et al., 2005;  
Horner et al., 2009; Metzler et al., 2001; Nelson et al., 2002; Solomon et al., 2012)*

**suspensions**

*(Bradshaw, Mitchell, & Leaf, 2010\*; Freeman et al., 2015; \*Gage et al., 2018; Gage et al., 2019; Nelson, 1996; Nelson et al., 2002; Solomon et al., 2012)*

**restraint and seclusion**

*(Reynolds et al., 2016; Simonsen, Britton, & Young, 2010)*

**racial inequities**

*(Fox et al., 2021; Gion et al., 2022; McIntosh et al., 2018; McIntosh et al., 2021a;  
McIntosh et al., 2021b; Muldrew & Miller, 2021; Payno-Simmons, 2021; Swain-Bradway et al., 2019)*



## Improved Teacher Outcomes

**teacher efficacy & well-being**

*(Kelm & McIntosh, 2012; Ross & Horner, 2006; Ross, Romer, & Horner, 2012)*

**teacher-student relationships**

*(Condliffe et al., 2022)*

**student engagement & instructional time**

*(Algozzine & Algozzine, 2007; Condliffe et al., 2022; Flannery et al., 2020\*)*

**school culture & organizational health**

*(Bradshaw et al., 2008; Bradshaw et al., 2009; McIntosh et al., 2021; Meng et al., 2016)*

**climate & safety**

*(Elrod et al., 2022\*; Horner et al., 2009; McIntosh et al., 2021)*

**When Implementing Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) with Fidelity**

# MTSS and PBIS are widely used. How can we enhance to fit mental health needs?



“MTSS is something to help organize the adults and their implementation of best practices within classrooms and schools. MTSS is not about organizing kids as much as it is about organizing what we do for and **WITH** kids and their families.” - Dr. George Sugai, Professor Emeritus, University of Connecticut

MTSS/PBIS is iterative, and we are expanding utilization through an interconnected systems approach.

PBIS + Larger Community Services=ISF

# Addressing Limitations of MTSS and Inequitable Learning Conditions

- Not enough staff and resources, especially students of color who are more likely to attend a school with an SRO, but not a school counselor, than white students (U.S. Department of Education, 2016).
- Schools struggle to implement effective interventions at Tiers 2 and 3 with a “wait to fail” model.
- Many systems have challenges aligning multiple social, emotional, and behavioral initiatives.
- Youth, family voice are put on hold, muted or tokenized.
- Youth with “internalizing” issues may go undetected/ “externalizing” issues are punished

# Addressing Limitations of MTSS and Inequitable Learning Conditions

To what extent do we have an experienced, diverse & stable teaching workforce ?

- Schools serving mostly students of color are more likely to be taught by out-of-field and novice teachers (Bromberg, 2016; U.S. Department of Education, 2016).
- Students of color are more likely to attend schools where more than 50% of teachers were absent for more than 10 days (U.S. Department of Education, 2016).



# Centering and Embedding Equity with a Goal of Inclusion and Belonging

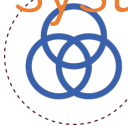
Equity refers to actions that elevate historically marginalized voices; honor individual, family, and community identities; and reflect equitable learning opportunities through meaningful participation of each student, family, and educator in the systems we promote. (Center on PBIS, <https://www.pbis.org/about/about>)

Belonging is defined as “experiencing appreciation, validation, acceptance, and fair treatment within an environment. When people feel that they belong, they aren’t distracted and worried about being treated as a stereotype or a singular part of their multidimensional personhood” (Cobb & Krownapple, 2019).

# What are the ways we are enhancing PBIS?

## Interconnecting PBIS + MH (ISF) = PBIS 2.0

- Effective teams that include youth, family and community mental health providers (expand opportunity and access for members who historically have been excluded)
- Data-based decision making that include school data beyond ODRs and community data
- Formal processes for the selection & implementation of evidence-based practices (EBP) across tiers with team decision making and customized to fit culture/context/strengths/needs of community.
- Early access through use of comprehensive and equitable approach to screening, which includes uncovering strengths, story & internalizing and externalizing needs
- Rigorous progress-monitoring for both fidelity & effectiveness of all interventions regardless of who delivers
- Ongoing coaching at both the systems & practices level for both school and community employed professionals (e.g., continuously examining the “health” of the system and the strengths and needs of the caregivers and helpers in the system)



SHE SHARED A NEW SLIDE:

Using ISF to develop systems of inclusion and belonging to support and nature diverse workforce

# How is this different?

- Expanding the utilization of PBIS/MTSS to include other child serving systems and bringing youth/family/community to co-lead, co-design and adapt to fit culture/context/values.
- From Caseload/1:1 Service Delivery Model TO Clinicians serving on teams across all tiers of support. Clinicians provide expertise, leadership to build capacity for ALL
- Clinicians working with teams to develop/enhance healthy school and classroom environments
- Mental Health/Wellness is more than a “place” or something the “experts” do but is the backbone of the system.

<https://www.pbis.org/resource/interconnecting-school-mental-health-and-pbis-volume-2>

# Role of the Community Mental Health Provider

# LUNCH STARTED

See afternoon slide deck

# Reflections from Community Mental Health Providers

Our MH agency is trying to provide services to all local school age children and youth AFTER school from 3-5 PM. This creates limits in our capacity. Space in the school to potentially deliver therapy (over lunch or pull out) might increase access for some children and families as it increases service window and helps us deal with issues related to transportation, childcare and other potential barriers or complications to access.



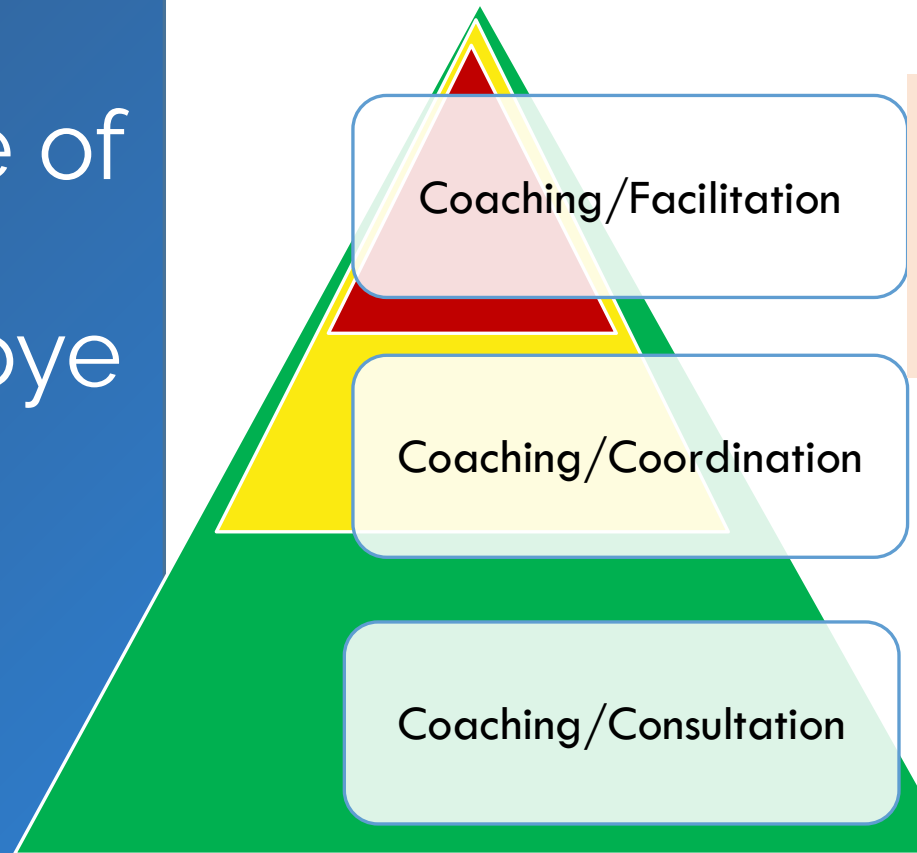
# Reflections from Community MH Provider

- We see harmful responses like isolation and punishment-without teaching in the moment. How we model a calm response? We need to talk more about how we empower, build relationships and discuss with the child of WHY these feelings and behaviors are happening.
- We need greater collaborative team-based approaches to support children and families. MH Supports initiated by schools seem to be more easily received by families than a full external referral to a MH agency, full assessment etc.
- More focus on support when we see contextually inappropriate behavior rather than emphasizing our need to have the child complete that task in the moment

# Reflections from Community MH provider

- Our mental health agencies can be more forthright and clearer on our roles, strategies and outcomes with schools, families.
- We need to stop the parallel play and intentionally design single system of support.

# The Changing Role of the School and Community-Employed Clinician at All Three Tiers



- Deliver intensive interventions
- Work with team to ensure students receiving interventions are improving and staff support new skills across contexts.

- Coordinate Tier 2 Interventions
- Build capacity of staff to deliver Tier 2 interventions and set up progress monitoring systems

- Consult with Tier 1 team to discuss ways to strengthen Tier 1
- Build capacity for ALL staff to embed social emotional skills with academics

# Changing Role of Clinician

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How is this different?

Do our clinicians have the skills and expertise to work with educators?

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How does leadership and system support this shift?

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How do we train and support diverse workforce?

## From Co-located to Integrated: A deeper dive into some key differences

Clinicians no longer have separate meetings to select and monitor interventions but instead engage with teachers and other school staff to select and monitor interventions through one set of teams.

The integrated system moves from a referral (which implies a 'hand off' of a student from one team to another) to a request for assistance process, further delineating decision-making through a single set of teams that include both agency and school staff.

All interventions, including individualized supports provided by clinicians, are specifically described to include dosage, frequency and the assessment process; progress monitoring, fidelity and outcome measures are agreed upon by teams before initiating interventions.

# Pause and Discuss

How is this approach similar or different from your current status?

# **Developing an Interconnected Approach with the Executive District Leadership Team**

**How are we organized to  
implement an ISF?**



# How are we organized to do the work?

- Initiative Mapping (review you're here's What)
  - What are we currently doing to address needs? How is it working? How do we need? If not working, why? Fidelity? Not EBP? Not right match? Initiative fatigue?
  - What will we stop doing? Non-mandated, not EBP, not working or no data to know how it is working- DE-IMPLEMENT
  - Are there any gaps in our continue of supports?
  - How can we align PD, support personnel roles and approaches (acad and SEB coaches using one approach and consistent classroom SEB & culture EBPs)
- Teaming Structure Alignment at the District level
  - District based teams
  - Community Partners
  - Family, students, community

**Complex problems aren't solved with  
simple solutions...**

Simple responses to increases in funding won't be enough

Redesign how we do school using MTSS logic

Hire social emotional behavior and mental health experts

Participate in teams across tiers: Strengthen Tier 1 and focus on Tier 2 system.

Select and Buy Social Emotional Behavioral (SEB) curriculum



Adapt role to be fully embedded members of the community and to help build capacity of ALL staff.

Formal process, team-based decision. (same as academic curriculum)

Data used to prioritize skills.



All instructional staff model, teach alongside academic content. Team based training. Time to embed new learning. Time to develop evaluation plan.



Normalize having families, youth, community members participate in teams and co-design effort



Expanded Team use school AND community data to inform efforts across all tiers.

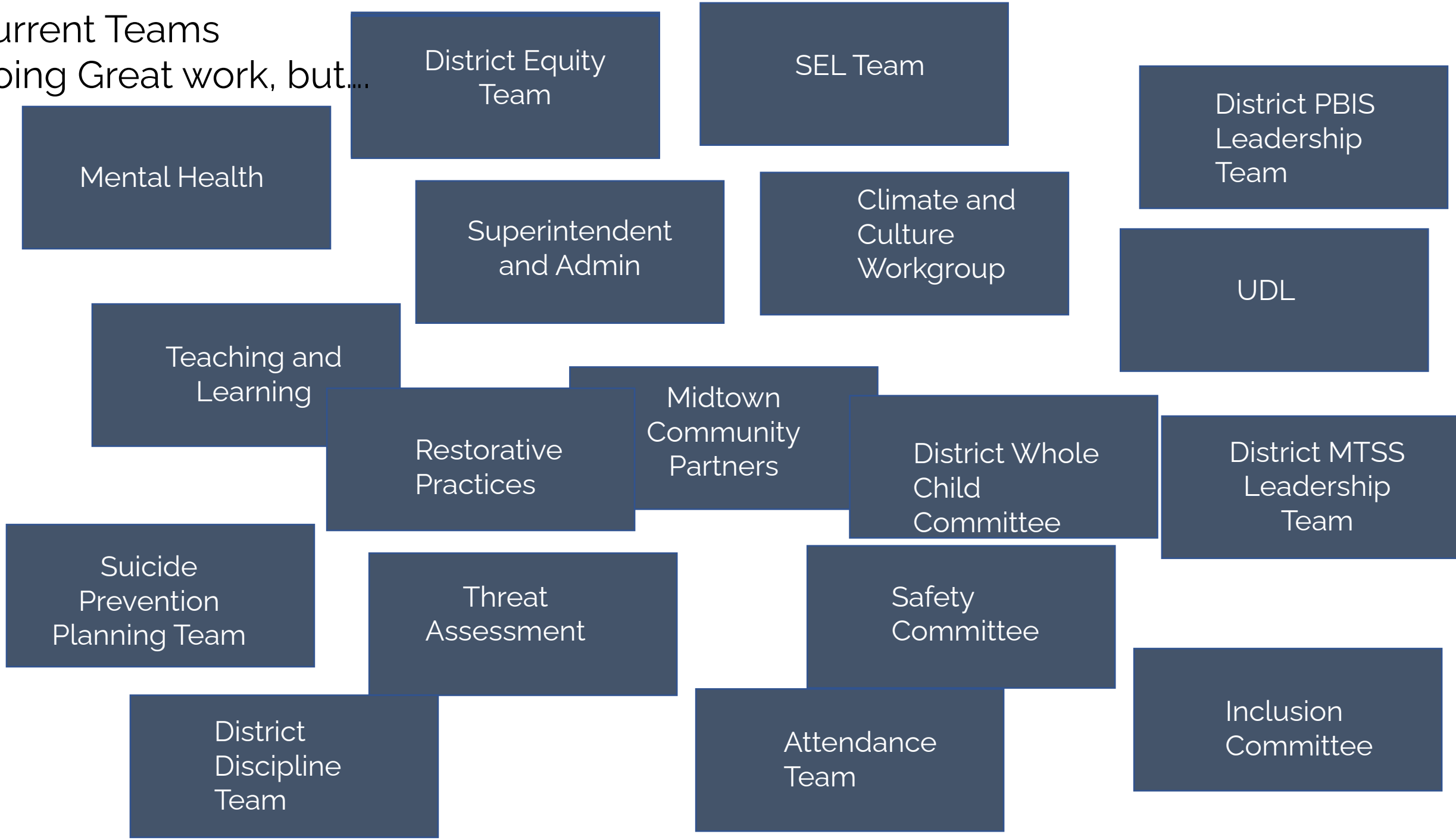
Train staff on trauma-informed practices  
Strengthen partnerships with families and community providers.

**Let's explore a few  
examples...**

How are federal and state funding opportunities/policy directives designed to support alignment, collaboration, & coordination of work in districts and schools?

- MTSS
- PBIS
- SEL
- SAFETY
- Inclusionary Practices
- UDL
- Mental Health
- Trauma Informed
- Restorative Practices
- Equity
- Family and Community Engagement
- Youth Voice

Current Teams  
Doing Great work, but...



**Cabinet**  
Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, Executive Directors



Executive Functions

**District Community Leadership Team**  
Assistant Superintendents, Executive Directors, Community Partners (Agency, Families, Students, First Responders)

Implementation Functions



WELLBEING-ACADEMIC SUCCESS-SAFETY-COMMUNITY-ENGAGEMENT-ACCOUNTABILITY

Elementary Implementation Team

Secondary Implementation Team

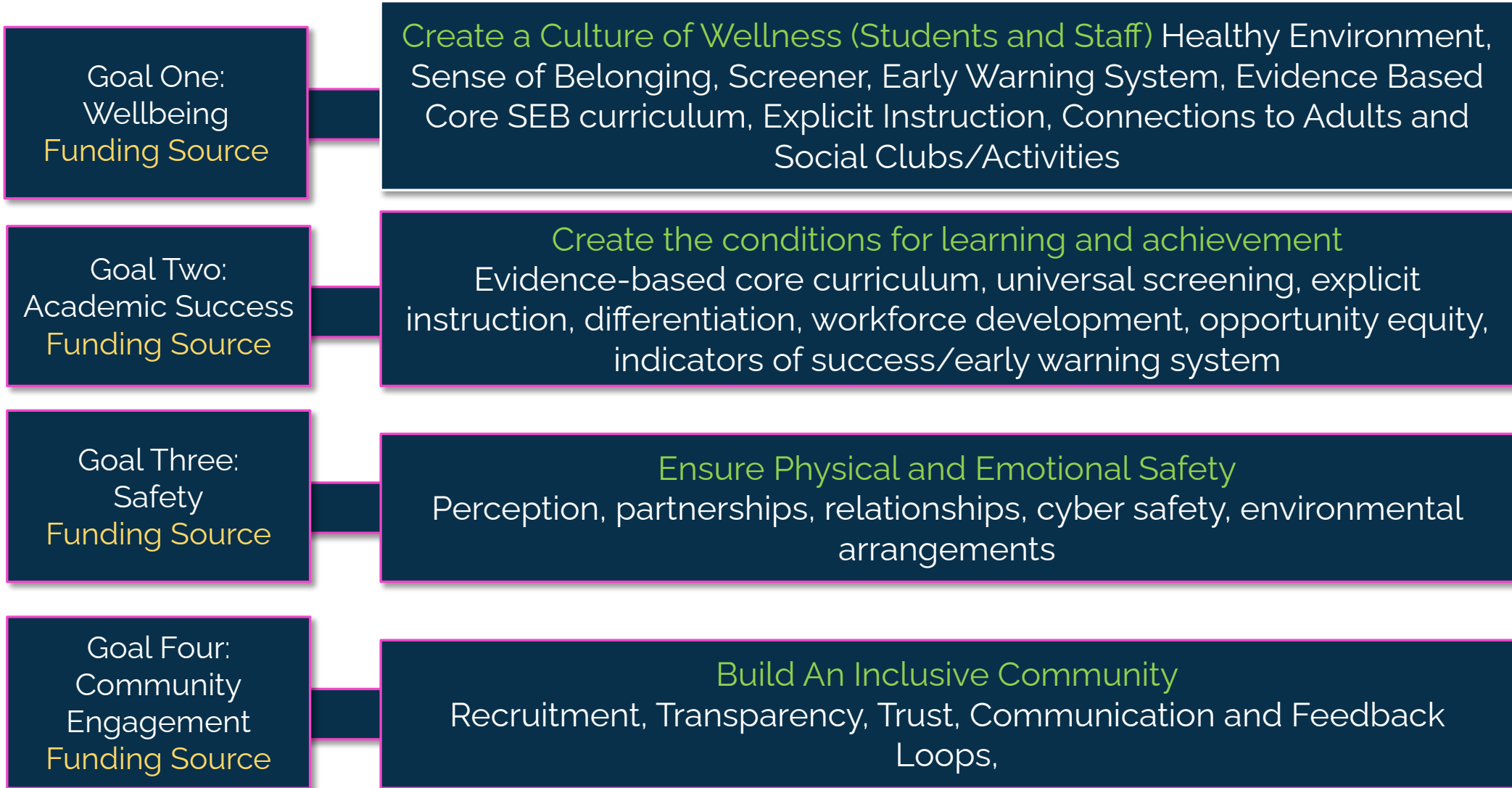


- Workgroup 1: SEL Adoption (Wellbeing)
- Workgroup 2: Data Dashboard (Accountability)
- Workgroup 3: Threat Assessment (Safety)
- Workgroup 4: ESA roles and functions (Wellbeing)



# Midtown School District

## Accountability



# Strategic Plan Goals and Resources

## Goal 1: Establish culture of wellbeing (students/staff)

- How will we know when we have achieved the goal?
- What are the activities we invest in to achieve goal?
- What are the resources needed?
- How will we provide training, coaching and support to each other?
- How will we ensure meaningful bi-directional feedback loops?

## Midtown School District Goal 1: Creating a Culture of Wellness

Indicators of Success	Measure	Considerations
20% annual increase in number of building level staff who report feeling supported by school and district leaders. (Goal of 100% by 2025)	Climate Survey	
20 % annual increase in number of staff who report positive job satisfaction (Goal 100% by 2025) 20% annual increase in number of staff who report they have skills and competencies to manage student SEBA needs by March 2024. (70% by March 2023)	Professional Quality of Life	
Increase Staff Retention Rate by 20% by March 2023		
20% annual increase in number of of students who report feeling a sense of belonging by April 2023.	Healthy Kids Survey	
20% of students can identify trusted adult at school by December 2022.	Climate Survey, TFI walk through	How do we build capacity to do walk throughs?
80% of students are connected to social club/activity by March 2023, 100% by March 2024.	Club Roster	How do we add more clubs, how much will it cost?
10% decrease in students in elevated and highly elevated risk range between Fall and Spring SY 2022-23.	BIMAS	How much does it cost to install a screener responsibility? Cost of instrument, staff to respond
All schools report 70% fidelity of PBIS implementation indicating a consistent, positive, predictable SW environment by March 2024. (current rate is 50% of schools with 70% )	Tiered Fidelity Inventory/SET	How do we scale PBIS? What is the cost of training and coaching?
Decrease use in exclusionary discipline by 30% by March 2023, 50% by March 2024	SWIS	What is the cost of SWIS?

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**THEY WERE WORKING DURING THE 2 YEARS**

- Workgroup 1: SEL Adoption (Wellbeing)
- Workgroup 2: Data Dashboard (Accountability)
- Workgroup 3: Threat Assessment (Safety)
- Workgroup 4: ESA roles and functions (Wellbeing)

How can we maximize  
our investment?

Can we  
identify high  
leverage  
moves that  
result in  
achieving  
most of our  
goals?

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They asked about what to leverage first...

...knowing the history and research, we will get to all of these outcomes.

DISTRICT DECISION = money = coaching =training (and no “dumping and running”)



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## SEE HER NEW SLIDES OF SCHOOL EXAMPLE

- Look at the Top 10 practice ([showed] high leverage practices)
- Public health model (look at specific behavior, high fidelity of it; e.g. wellness is a skill)
- talked about wellness practices
- talked about ratios (predicted and frequency counts)

**District Equity Team**

**Superintendent & Admin**

**Central Community Partners**

**Elementary SEL TEAM**

**DSFI TEAM**

**Handle With Care Team**

**Suicide Prevention Planning Team**

**District PBIS Team**

**District SEL/Mental Health/Behavior Team**

**District Admin, Whole Child, ISF Coaches**

**District Admin & Whole Child**

**Whole Child & Building Admin**

**Student Services Mental Health Planning**

**Student Services Program Asst. & Admin**

**CDL SEL/Mental Health Subcommittee**

**Current Teams (Great work being done)**



# Central Whole Child Framework

**Whole Child/Whole System Support**  
3-Tiered Continuum of culturally relevant, evidence-based interventions

**Staff Development**  
(Supporting culturally knowledgeable staff behavior, staff wellness, training, coaching, and content expertise)

**Identifying Student Needs**  
(Gathering and evaluating formal and informal student data for decision-making)



# District Team Structures

# Central Whole Child Framework

## Whole Child/Whole System Support

3-tiered continuum of culturally relevant, evidence-based interventions

As needed, work groups will join the DCLT for focused planning...

## Staff Development

Example Focus: Building a 3-year professional development plan

## ISF-District Community Leadership Team

## Identifying Student Needs

(Gathering and evaluating formal and informal student data for decision-making)

# District Team Structures





# SUNDAY MORNING INDEX



Reducing meetings  
by 40% increases  
productivity by 71%.

MIT Sloan Management Review 2022

How are we spending our time? Can we do a calendar review?

# Tired of Working in Silos? Tired of Putting out Fires? How do we adapt to new context?

- What are the implications of working in silos?
- What are the implications of being firefighters (living in downstream)?
- What micro-movements can you make towards alignment?
- What are the bigger movements that move you further upstream?





# Aligning Teaming Structures

What will our way of work look like in this new context?

Adaptive and Technical Considerations

# Evoking awareness...

“A \_\_\_\_\_ composed of many \_\_\_\_\_ brings a multitude of assumptions, experiences, behaviors, and \_\_\_\_\_ processes to the collective effort. The diversity in these factors, if left unchecked, can lead to team dysfunction, but if harnessed properly, they can greatly \_\_\_\_\_ team performance.”

individuals

meaning-making

enhance

team

# Evoking awareness...

School community members, including family representatives and youth, can provide an expanded view/context of how the students' lives outside of school are to be considered and can enhance the Tier 1 Team's ability to promote healthy prosocial development for ALL students.

Not just a seat at the table...  
change the table Voice and choice matter...  
Same as matters

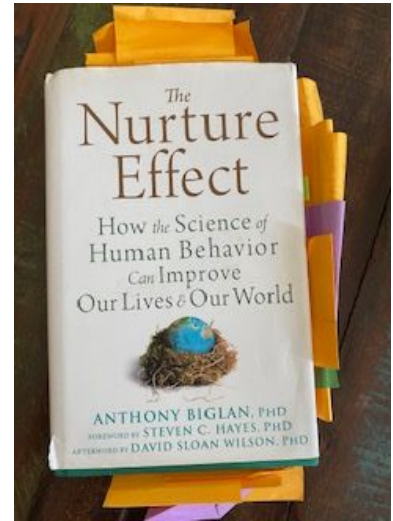
“Team dialogue & reflection is essential in order to take full advantage of all team members' knowledge, skills, [lived experiences]. Encouraging full participation helps to identify appropriate goals to maximize team performance”

# The Nurture Effect

“The scientific foundation has been created for the nation to begin to create a society in which young people arrive at adulthood with the skills, interests, assets, and health habits needed to live healthy, happy, and productive lives in caring relationships with others”

~Institute of Medicine, 2009

“What if, making our environments more nurturing could guide us in preventing almost every problem we face?”



What makes the highest performing teams?

Always being there for each other...

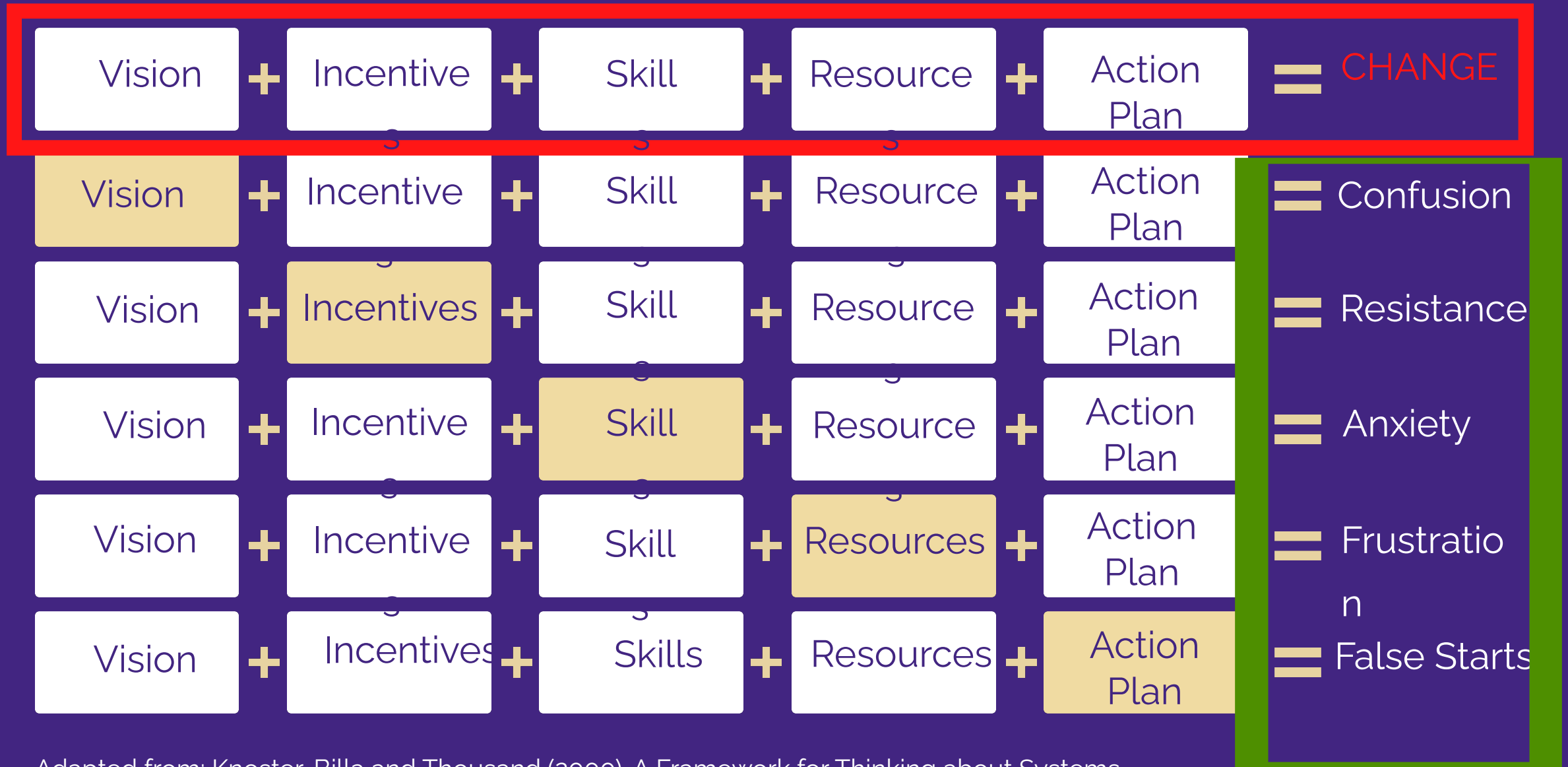
~Simon Sinek & Anthony Ianni (2023)



# Change is Hard...

- Adopting an integrated framework is a process that will challenge the assumptions and traditional practices of most school faculty, and mental health systems.
- This typically requires the difficult process of abandoning long held patterns of “doing business” and creating new models based on the strengths of the schools/district/community, and the changing needs of students and families.

# Facilitating a Systems Change Framework



Adapted from: Knoster, Billa and Thousand (2000). A Framework for Thinking about Systems Change.

# Supporting Change

Technical Change/Transactional  
(examples)

Change or adaptations to practices,  
instruction, or learning new  
strategies

Changes in team operating  
procedures & data informed decision  
making

Important, but may not reflect

deeper change

Adaptive Change/Transformative  
(examples)

Changes in Values, Beliefs, Roles,  
Relationships, Bias, & Approaches

Adaptive change... More likely to occur after technical change as a  
result of experiencing successes and seeing the potential for  
equitable outcomes through the use of effective strategies (Guskey,  
1986)

Both lead to a Change in Student Outcomes

(Leverson, Smith, Rose, McIntosh, Rose, & Pinkelman, 2021)

# Teaming is a mitigation strategy...

- Mitigating the impact of trauma invites us to consider teaming as a strategy for technical & adaptive change
- **Technical Changes**
  - Data informed decision-making routines
  - Alignment and/or integration of efforts/initiatives/funding/policies
  - Team initiated problem solving (TIPS) to build routines
  - Ensures diverse perspectives
- **Adaptive changes**
  - Opportunities to engage in empathy (perspective-taking without judgment, acknowledging emotions, & honoring others' truth)
  - Opportunities to heal (building trust, safety, productive dialogue)
  - Opportunities to foster belonging, social connection, and a community that honors dignity

# Why do norms matter?

- Help teams to be more productive, effective, and create safe, trusting space to have meaning and productive conversations
- Team norms are co-created by team members. Consider revisiting whenever new team members join the team.

Why else?

## Values

Pick 2-3 of these or your own that your team wants to practice today.

We are Kind	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ We acknowledge one another</li><li>▪ We hold ourselves accountable to one another</li><li>▪ We consider the weight of our words before speaking</li></ul>
We are Responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ We take time to build relationships with ourself &amp; others</li><li>▪ We welcome, appreciate, &amp; affirm our collective cultural differences</li><li>▪ We believe others when they share their experiences &amp; feelings</li></ul>
We are Respectful & Affirming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ We listen to understand</li><li>▪ We assume best intentions</li><li>▪ We practice perspective-taking</li></ul>
We are Physically & Emotionally Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ We ask for clarity to understand and contribute</li><li>▪ We create a safe space that invites open dialogue and vulnerability – Pause &amp; Consider: Is what I want to say Kind? True for me? Necessary?</li><li>▪ We invite &amp; make it safe to ask questions &amp; make mistakes</li></ul>

Dignity Indicators to  
practice with...

***Here's What, So What, Now What***  
 Structure Protocol for Facilitated Dialogue & Action Planning

**Purpose of Structure:** *To encourage collaboration and dialogue about data and develop shared solutions.*

Evidence/Data/Observations that Identifies a Need:

Step 1: <i>Here's What!</i> Record 2-3 observations you made or information you heard that 'pops out' to you.	Step 2: <u>So</u> <i>What?</i> What are your interpretations or meaning of those observations or information you heard?	Step 3: <i>Now What?</i> What are possible implications for each idea recorded?
<i>I am noticing...</i>  <i>I heard ...</i>	<i>I'm wondering ...</i>	<i>Can we consider doing ...</i>  <i>As a result, we can ...</i>
<i>What can we do to support implementation of these ideas reflected in our "Now What"?</i>		
<i>Idea to implement</i>	<i>Resources Needed</i>	<i>Who? <u>When?</u></i>

Use structures or protocols to promote same as, voice & choice, listening, openness, ...

<https://www.schoolreforminitiative.org/protocols/>

<https://www.liberatingstructures.com/ls-menu>

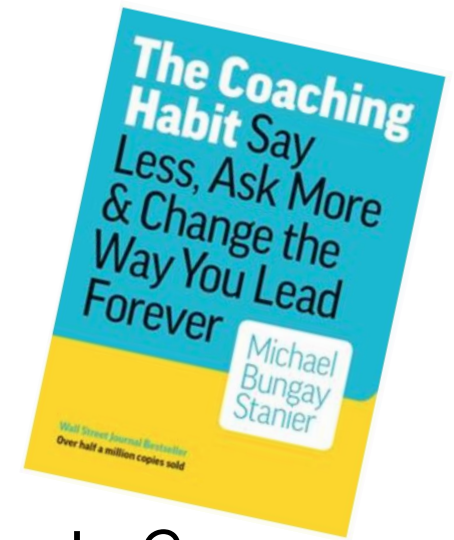


# What if we get “stuck”?

## Strategy: Build a Culture of Coaching

- Transformational coaches embrace & live in curiosity, partnership, invitation, openness, listening...
- They notice changes in somatic energy, emotional energy
- They identify and have a “bank” of coaching questions a facilitator or team member can use to invite/expand the conversation

# Open-ended, evocative questions...A Powerful Tool



- What's on your mind? What else?
- If you're saying yes to this, what are you saying no to?
- If we can't do all of this, but could do just a part, what part would we do first?
- What would we be doing, saying, feeling if we were living in this new possibility?
- What would a new habit that would support our change look like?
- How can we help?

What  
questions do  
you keep in  
your toolbox?

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As decision makers, we need a deliberate process to guide us through the examination and analysis of data. Without this, we may be apt to substitute strongly held opinions for the fact-based conclusions that would be derived from a review of the actual data.

*- D.B. Reeves, The Leader's Guide to Standards, 2002*

Data gathering and interpretation are not value-free but freighted with emotional predispositions and cognitive preconceptions.

-Joanna Macy

The Dharma of Natural Systems

# Team Operating Procedures w/ Fidelity

- Schedule monthly meetings for the year (with in-person and virtual locations)
- Use regular format, agenda, minutes, and action plan (TIPS)
- Assign Roles for Meetings (static or rotated with back-ups) and practice with roles 😊
- Establish Team Norms (transactional and transformational)



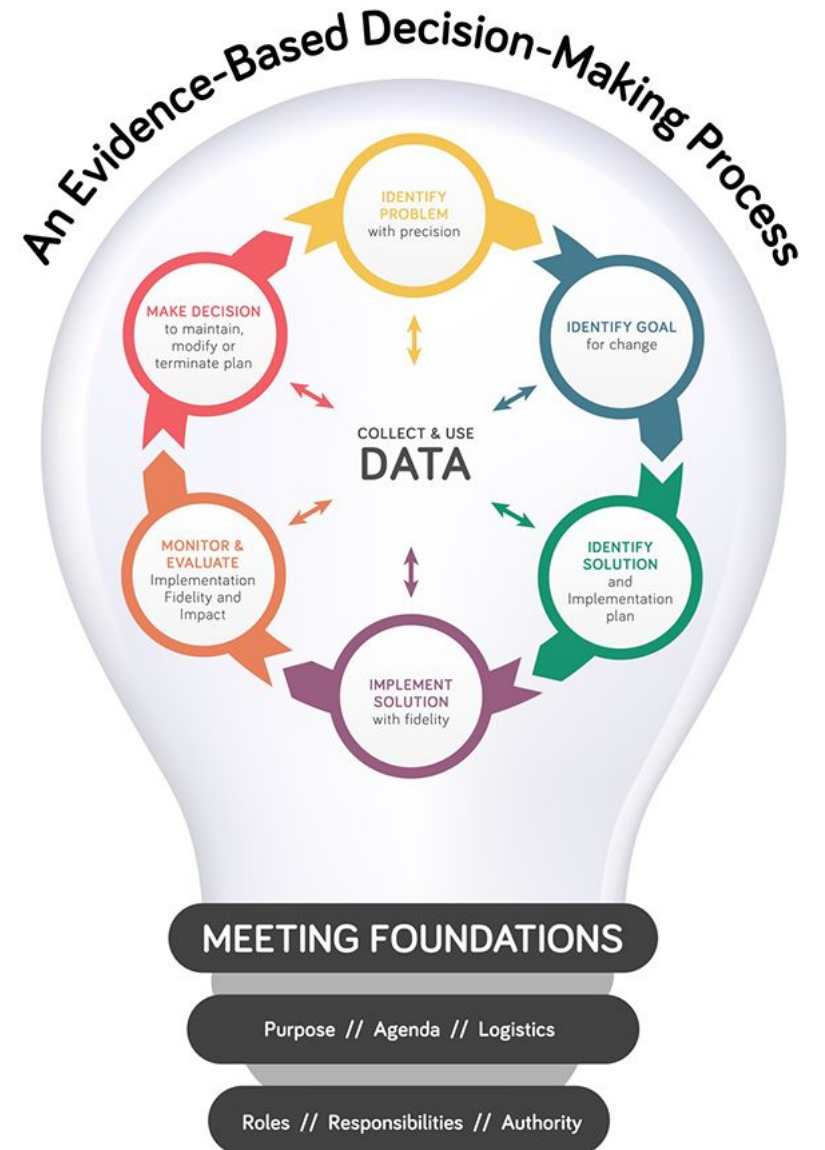


# Team Initiated Problem Solving (TIPS)

- <https://www.pbis.org/topics/data-based-decision-making>
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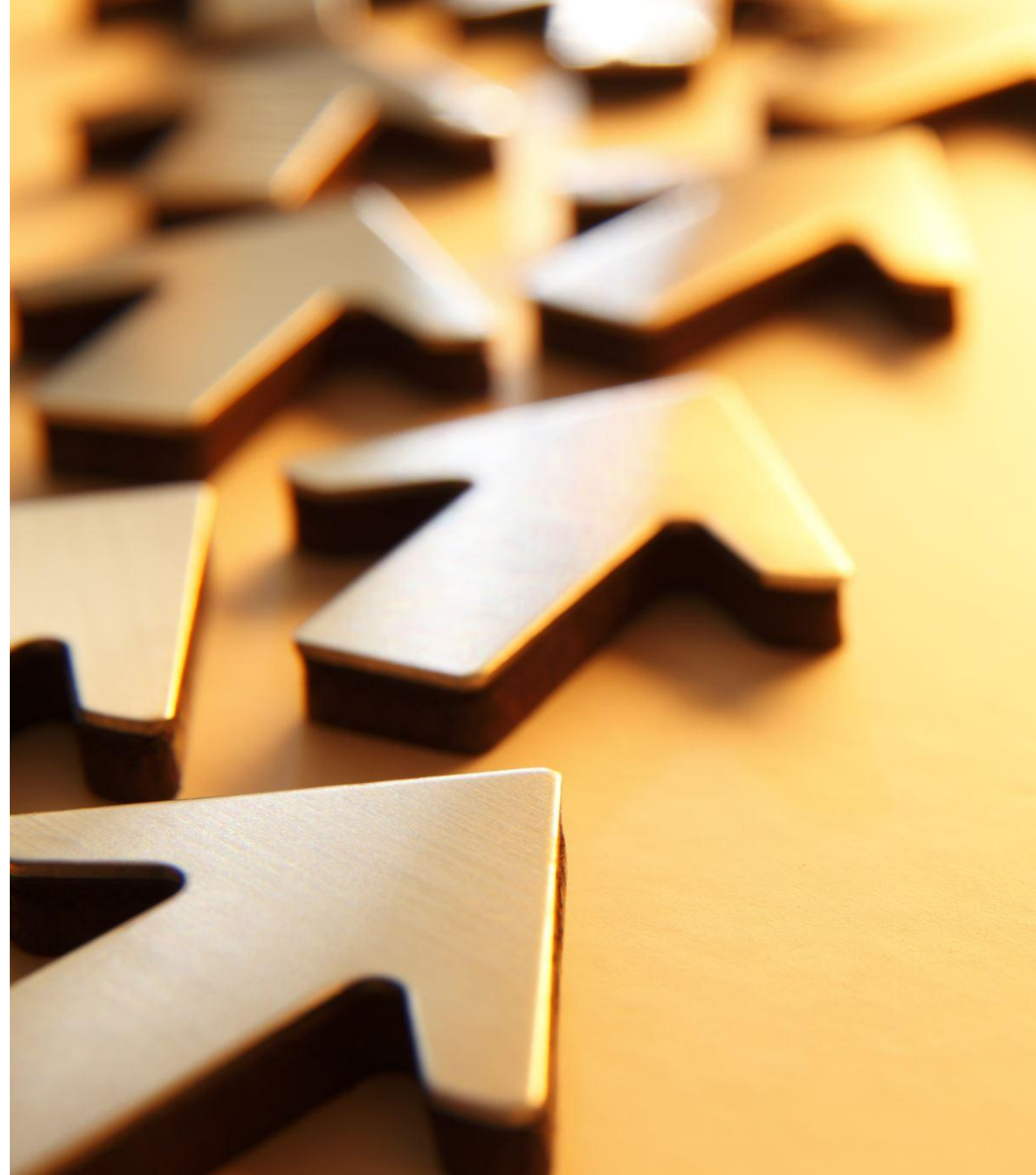
# TIPS

Team-Initiated Problem Solving



# Outcomes associated with use of TIPS

- Greater growth with problem solving, decision-making practices, meeting outcomes (Horner, Newton, Todd, Algozzine, Algozzine, Cusumano, & Preston, 2018)
- Greater implementation fidelity with team problem solving process (Newton, Horner, Algozzine, Todd, & Algozzine, 2012)





Team-Initiated  
 Problem-Solving  
 Process (TIPS,  
<https://www.pbis.org/topics/data-based-decision-making>)

	Date	Time (begin and end)	Location	Facilitator	Minute Taker	Data Analyst
Today's Meeting						
Next Meeting						

Team Members & Attendance (Place "X" to left of name if present)						

Today's Agenda Items:			Agenda Items for Next Meeting		
1. _____	4. _____		1. _____		
2. _____	5. _____		2. _____		
3. _____	6. _____		3. _____		

**Systems Overview**

Overall Status Tier/Content Area	Measure Used	Data Collection Schedule	Current Level/Rate

**Problem Solving Process**

<b>Date of Initial Meeting:</b>				<b>Date(s) of Review Meetings</b>		
<b>Brief Problem Description</b> (e.g., student name, group identifier, brief item description):						
<b>Precise Problem Statement</b> <i>What? When? Where? Who? Why? How Often?</i>	<b>Goal and Timeline</b> <i>What? By When?</i>	<b>Solution Actions</b> <i>By <u>Who</u>? By When?</i>	<b>Identify Fidelity and Outcome Data</b> <i>What? When? Who?</i>	<b>IMPLEMENTATION</b>	<b>Did it work?</b> <i>(Review current levels and compare to goal)</i>	
			<i>What fidelity data will we collect?</i> <i>What? When? Who?</i>		<b>Fidelity Data:</b>	<b>Outcome Data (Current Levels):</b>
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<b>Current Levels:</b>				<b>Next Steps</b>		
				<input type="checkbox"/> Continue current plan <input type="checkbox"/> Modify plan <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue plan <input type="checkbox"/> Other Notes:		

Notes:

**TIPS Meeting Minutes form for:**

	Date	Time	Location	Facilitator	Minute Taker	Data Analyst
Today's Meeting						
Next Meeting						

**Team Members (Place "X" to left of name if present)**


**Today's Agenda Items** (Review Agenda, Wellness Check-in, Data Analyst Report, Problem Solving for Previously-Defined and New Problems, Other items as listed below)

01.	Wellness Check: <i>Example Opener questions.</i> What is the most generous act you have seen recently? What is giving you hope right now? What is the best thing that has happened to you today?	6.		<b>Agenda Items for Next Meeting (parking lot items and carry forwards)</b>	
02.		07.		01.	
03.		08.		02.	
04.		09.		03.	
05.		10.		04.	

**Agenda Item Minutes (Discussion, action steps, who & when for administrative/general information agenda items listed above)**

Information for Team, or Issue for Team to Address	Discussion/Decision/Task (if applicable)	Who?	By When?

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<b>Current Levels:</b>						

Notes:

**Evaluation of Team Meeting (Mark your ratings with an “X”**

1. Was today’s meeting a good use of our time?
2. In general, did we do a good job of tracking whether we’re completing the tasks we agreed on at previous meetings?
3. In general, have we done a good job of actually completing the tasks we agreed on at previous meetings?
4. In general, are the completed tasks having the desired effects on student behavior?

	<u>Our Rating</u>		
	Yes	So-So	No
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Adapted from TIPS II (September 2015). Meeting Minutes Form. University of Oregon

The Power of Self-Reflection

## Before the Meeting ...

### Facilitator

- Room reserved
- “New” items solicited for agenda (from stakeholders and team members)
- Agenda produced in question format
- Lead team through discussion of effects of in-process solutions on “old” problems

### Time Keeper

- Secure time keeping device 😊

### Minute taker/ Recorder

- LCD projector/SMART Board reserved & room set up to project agenda, minutes, data

### Data Analyst

- Data reviewed before the meeting; Suggest possible new issues

## During the Meeting ...

Facilitator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Start/end meeting on time</li><li>▪ Review times for each agenda item with team</li><li>▪ Identify next meeting time, date and roles</li><li>▪ Manage flow of meeting by adhering to agenda</li><li>▪ Ensure active participation of all team members</li></ul>
Time Keeper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Keep track of time spent on each agenda item.</li><li>▪ Give signal if the time for an agenda item has passed. Let the team know the time is up and ask if they would like to add more time to the agenda for this item</li></ul>
Minute taker/ Recorder	Ask for clarification of tasks and complete meeting minutes
Data Analyst	Leads discussion & answers questions about Data Analyst's Report & provides addtl data requested

## After the Meeting ...

Facilitator

- Ensure meeting minutes, goals, data & decisions are shared with stakeholders

Time Keeper

Minute taker/  
Recorder

- Meeting minutes and problem-solving action plan completed
- Copy of meeting minutes and problem-solving action plan distributed to each member within 24 hours

Data Analyst

- Support Progress monitoring of precision problem & solution



# Data-informed Decision Making: Helpful Tips

- Use **Team Initiated Problem Solving (TIPS)** or other way of work consistently across teams
- Use **Precision Statements** to identify the problem to solve as the environment in which behaviors are occurring and/or sustaining, not the student
- Leverage the **diverse perspectives, lived experiences, credentialed expertise** of the team members to understand the story behind the data
- Identify a **measurable goal, progress monitor for changes** in the data, and include a **precision solution** and an **action plan**



# Communication Plan Template

Sample

The purpose of the Communication Plan is to identify and authentically engage with an organization’s diverse stakeholders. A carefully crafted plan allows for sharing of information with staff, families, students, and relevant community entities. It seeks to celebrate successes, inform, prevent misunderstandings to reduce barriers, and build the collective commitment of the organization’s diverse stakeholders. It facilitates gathering of valuable input and expertise for continuous quality improvement. A carefully designed and used Communication Plan validates how stakeholders are included in the development of the organizations implementation capacity for systemic change “so everyone can see they have a role to play.”

<b>Mission and Purpose of Communication Plan</b> What is the clear purpose and mission of the communication plan?
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<b>Practice-Policy Communication Cycles</b> Who is responsible for ensuring feedback and information gathered through communications are used to inform, reduce barriers, and celebrate successes?
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<b>Information or Messages</b> <i>What needs to be communicated? How does the information change over time as the organization goes deeper into practice?</i>	<b>Audience (Diverse Stakeholders)</b> <i>Who needs to be communicated with?</i>	<b>Methods</b> <i>Are a variety of modes used: conference key notes, presentations, meetings, Webpages, Webcasts, etc.?</i>	<b>Frequency</b> <i>How often? Is there a schedule?</i>	<b>Responsibility</b> <i>Who is responsible? What is the role of leadership?</i>	<b>Indicator of Success</b> <i>What data is used and how often to determine effectiveness of communication?</i>
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[For more information:](#)

<https://nirn.fog.unc.edu/resources/lesson-9-communication-protocol-linking-teams>

Using Structured Protocols...Be purposeful

<https://www.liberatingstructures.com/ls-menu>

What can you adopt or adapt from these tools to enhance the current way of work of teams in your district?

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Team Initiated Problem Solving

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Coaching Tools

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Identification of Relationship Building Agreements/Norms to practice

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Explicit Communication Plan

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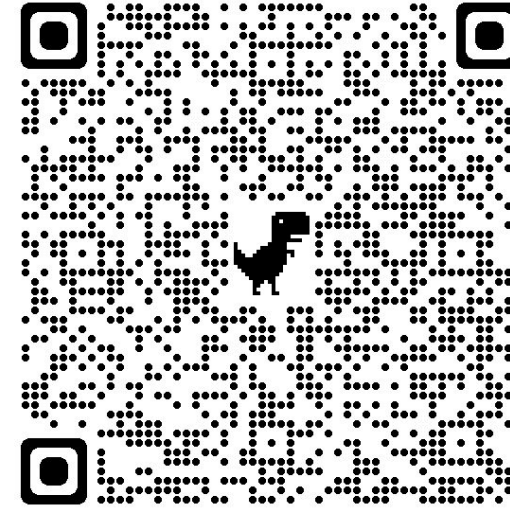
What else?



**ADDRESSING  
CONFIDENTIALITY  
WHILE SUPPORTING THE  
SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL-  
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SCHOOLS**

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Make connections to annual report with great questions on the template

What are the challenges and barriers? vs what do I need to fix about this group of students or student so that he/she/they ... follow the rules, attend school?

??? p114 gorski book

think about circling back to what if scenarios and reflecting on these questions to get to issues of equity

use scenarios from book- homework, boys suppressing feelings, et.

“Our why is often born out of our struggle...we walk together in our struggle in our why, our purpose...”

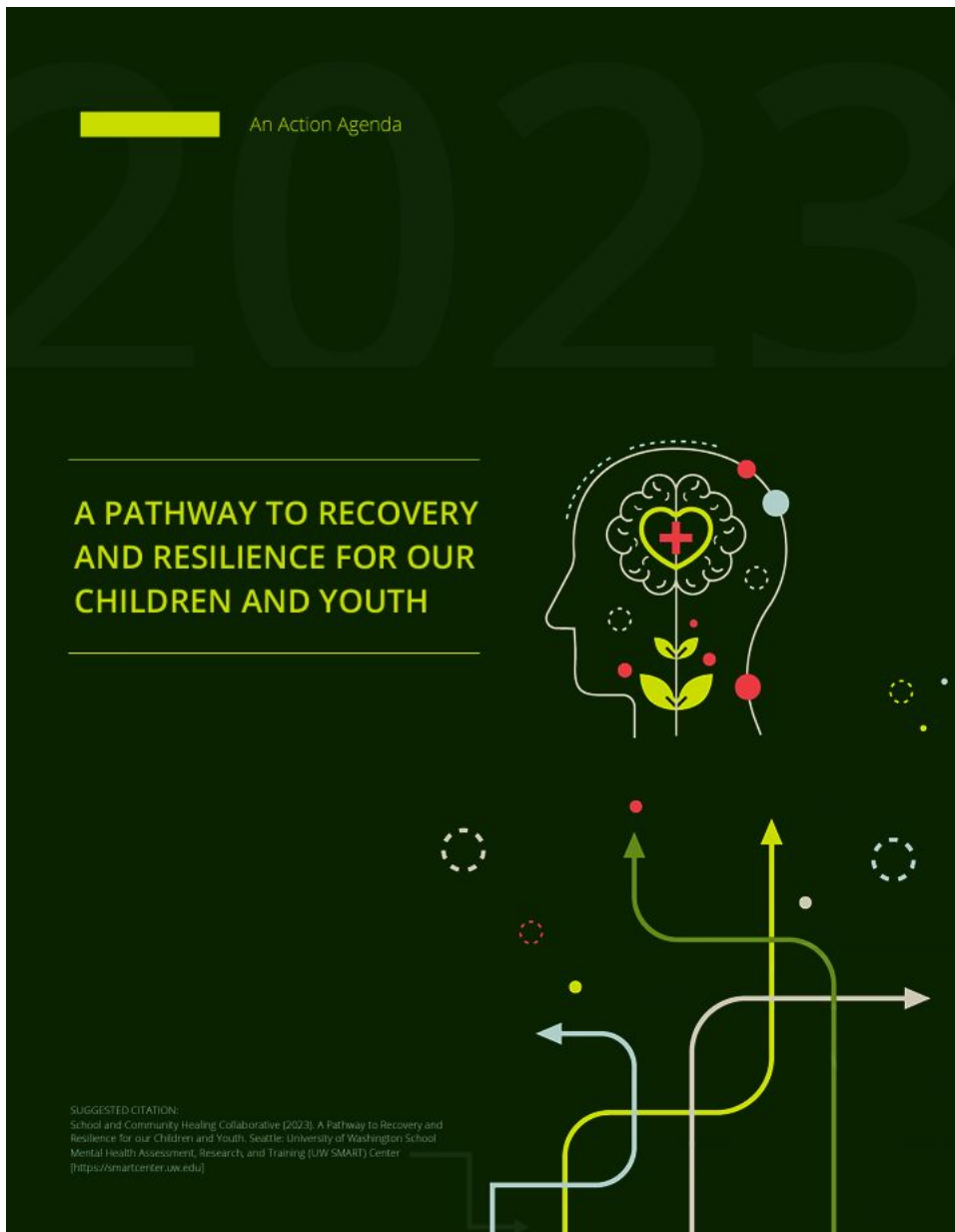


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# Morning Closing Circle

- Structure : Listening Circle
  - Opportunities to practice Shared dialogue, reflection, listening, empathy to facilitate shared leadership, agency, build community
- Think of a student, colleague, family, community member, loved one to dedicate this work to
- What are you committing to?
- What are you hopeful for?



## A Pathway to Recovery and Resilience for Our Children and Youth

A collaborative of national experts developed an action agenda with recommendations to address the growing mental health needs of students and educators. ***A Pathway to Recovery and Resilience for Our Children and Youth***, calls on educational and collaborating youth system leaders to address the youth mental health crisis and take advantage of funding, policy, and other opportunities to make novel and meaningful changes that support the positive mental health and wellbeing of all students and educators.

<https://smartcenter.uw.edu/tile/in-the-news/>

