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PROMOTING A POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE FOR STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH: EFFECTIVE DATA, SYSTEMS AND PRACTICES

The Northwest Mental Health Technology Transfer Center and the UW SMART Center are pleased to present the 2024 Virtual Speaker Series to the school mental health workforce. The six-session series features discussions on ways to create a positive school climate for students and staff. Through this series, we are spotlighting evidenced-based strategies to address universal screening, staff retention, and bullying and its intersection with youth mental health and violence.

ALL SESSIONS 11AM - 11:15AM AKT, 11AM - 12:15PM PT, 12PM - 1:15PM MT  
Certificates of completion and Washington State clock hours available for attendees of the live sessions.

This resource sheet provides the links to each session. You may also learn more about the full series here: <https://bit.ly/2024VirtualSpeakerSeries> or by clicking on the links below.



SESSION 1 ▶ OCTOBER 9

SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH THROUGH A MULTI-TIERED SYSTEM FRAMEWORK

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SESSION 2 ▶ NOVEMBER 29

COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSAL SCREENING: A STATEWIDE APPROACH

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WHOLE CHILD COORDINATOR  
TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



SESSION 3 ▶ JANUARY 17

FOSTERING BELONGING IN STAFF RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION



SESSION 4 ▶ FEBRUARY 8

BECOMING - THE JOURNEY OF A CHANGE AGENT

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SESSION 5 ▶ MARCH 20

COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSAL SCREENING: A STATEWIDE APPROACH

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SESSION 6 ▶ APRIL 17

COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSAL SCREENING: A STATEWIDE APPROACH

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