

## CELEBRATING ONE YEAR OF CLASSROOM WISE 2021 - 2022





Educators and school personnel play a vital role in promoting well-being and identifying and responding to emerging mental illness in children and adolescents. However, they often have not received the training and ongoing support needed to respond in the classroom. To address this need, the Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (MHTTC) Network, in partnership with the National Center for School Mental Health (NCSMH) at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, developed a FREE 3-part training package focused on educator mental health literacy. Informed by and co-developed with K-12 educators, Classroom WISE (Well-Being Information and Strategies for Educators) launched in June 2021. This summary highlights its first year.



Over 10,000 educators and school personnel have completed Classroom WISE!

## NOW AVAILABLE AT <u>WWW.CLASSROOMWISE.ORG</u>



#### ONLINE COURSE

The 5-hour Classroom WISE selfpaced online course offers evidencebased strategies to promote student mental health and support students with mental health concerns. A certificate of completion is available.



# VIDEO LIBRARY AND RESOURCE COLLECTION

The Classroom WISE resource collection includes activities, handouts, tip sheets, and more! The video library includes over 50 short videos featuring students and educators demonstrating strategies to help all students feel supported in the classroom.



#### **WEBSITE**

www.classroomwise.org provides easy access to the Classroom WISE online course, resource collection, video library, and more. Consider this your one-stop shop for all things related to Classroom WISE!

### PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK

97%

Of participants were satisfied or very satisfied with the Classroom WISE 3-part training package 97%

Of participants thought Classroom WISE would have at least a moderate impact on their work



Participants showed a significant increase in mental health knowledge and preparedness to use well-being strategies after completing the Classroom WISE online course

### HOW EDUCATORS PLAN TO USE CLASSROOM WISE

"I plan to notice students' behavior more and if I see behavioral concerns, I need to identify, talk, and link. I will also provide the student with the help they need like talking to a guidance counselor. I will make sure my students are in a complete mental health state."

"I plan to address concerns in a more empathetic way and implement [Classroom WISE] strategies to help students selfregulate." "I plan to use [Classroom WISE] strategies to help students with executive functioning skills, such as timer cues, movement breaks, and limit distractions. I also plan to teach my whole class self calming skills."

### DISSEMINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

# CLASSROOM WISE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITY



In addition to support provided by MHTTC
Regional Centers, we partnered with the NCSMH
to assist 13 schools across the country in
adopting Classroom WISE during the 2021-22
school year. School teams received either an
orientation session and written guide, or both
plus virtual sharing sessions and an individual
facilitation meeting with Classroom WISE
developers. School teams that received all of the
available technical assistance were more likely to
adopt Classroom WISE.

# CLASSROOM WISE IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE



We developed a Classroom WISE
Implementation Guide to help school teams
create a plan for implementing Classroom
WISE, outlining specific action steps and
strategies for effective implementation. The
stories of an elementary school and high
school that adopted Classroom WISE through
our technical assistance opportunity are also
highlighted in the guide. The guide is
available on the Classroom WISE website
here.



The MHTTC Network partnered with the Maryland Department of Education and the Oregon Department of Education to offer <u>state-specific versions of Classroom WISE</u> to be utilized for professional development. Other states have listed Classroom WISE as a recommended training.

#### QUESTIONS ABOUT CLASSROOM WISE?

Contact your Regional Center or National Focus Area Center Visit <a href="https://www.MHTTCnetwork.org">www.MHTTCnetwork.org</a> and click on 'Your MHTTC'

You may also contact the MHTTC Network Coordinating Office at <a href="mailto:networkoffice@mhttcnetwork.org">networkoffice@mhttcnetwork.org</a>

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