Integrating Classroom WISE with a Multi-Tiered System of Support Framework

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Classroom WISE: Well-Being Information and Strategies for Educators

Developed by the MHTTC Network in partnership with the National Center for School Mental Health





Learning Objectives

Review Classroom WISE Mental Health Literacy resource.

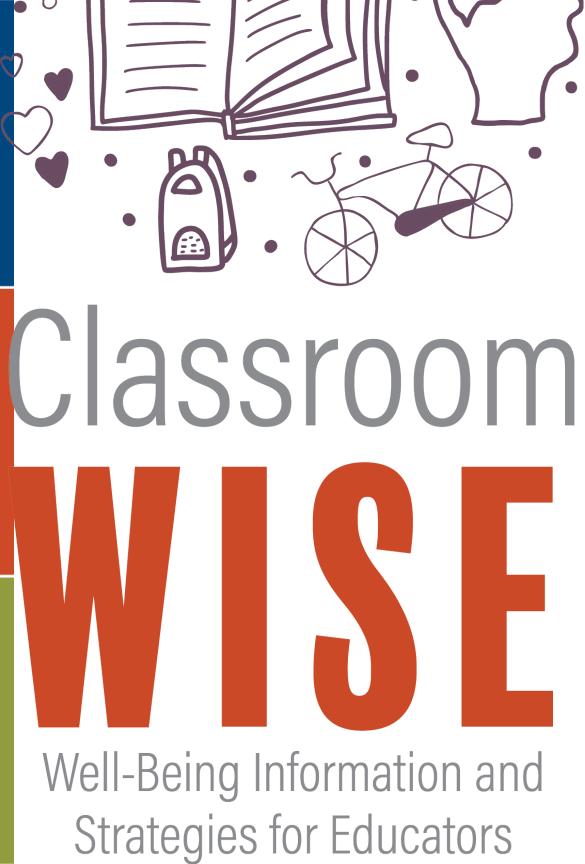
- Explore how Classroom WISE supports an MTSS framework to promote student well-being and support students experiencing adversity, distress, and mental health challenges in the classroom.
- Identify talking points and implementation strategies to integrate Classroom WISE into your school's MTSS framework.

Classroom WISE: Well-being Information and Strategies for Educators

- FREE 3-part training package for K-12 educators and school personnel on mental health literacy/ awareness.
- Development process included input from educators, students, and school mental health leaders.



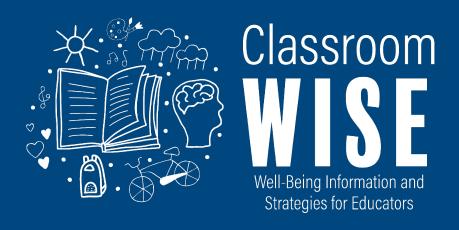
Available at www.classroomwise.org



Evidence-Based Content

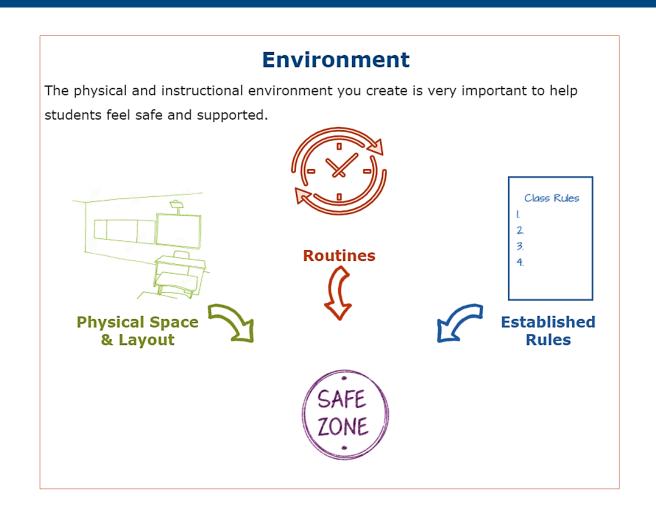
 Classroom WISE offers evidence-based strategies to promote student mental health and support students with mental health challenges.

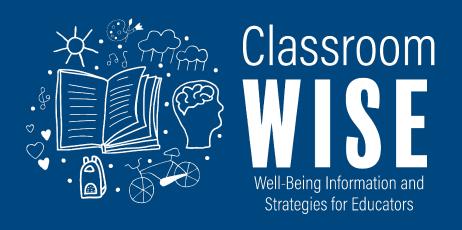
 Skills are based on the scientific literature on school climate, mental health literacy/awareness, social emotional learning, and school-based interventions for mental health problems.



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 Modules

Module 1: Creating
Safe and Supportive
Classrooms

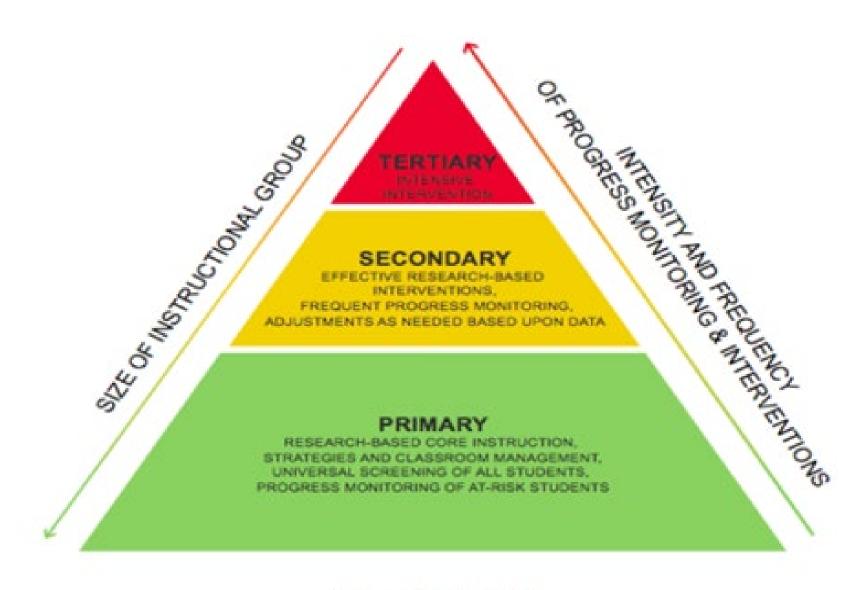
Module 2: Teaching Mental Health Literacy and Reducing Stigma Module 3: Fostering
Social Emotional
Competencies and
Well-Being

Module 4:
Understanding and
Supporting Students
Experiencing Adversity

Module 5: Impact of Trauma and Adversity on Learning and Behavior

Module 6: Classroom Strategies to Support Students

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)



ALL STUDENTS ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL BEHAVIORAL SKILLS

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MTSS and School Mental Health

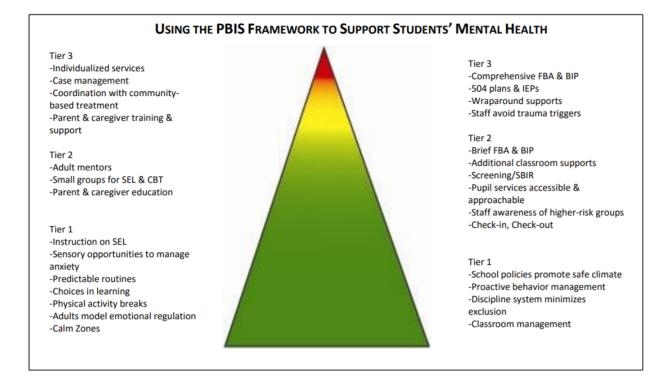
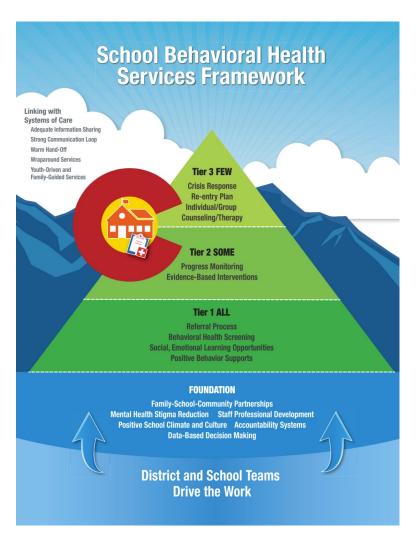


Figure 1: From Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction - Using Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) to Help Schools Become More Trauma-Sensitive



Poll

Which Tier provides the strongest or most mental health supports at your school or district?

Which Tier needs the most improvement?

Universal (Tier 1) Mental Health Supports

- School Climate
- Teacher and School Staff Wellbeing
- Positive Behaviors and Relationships
- Positive Discipline Practices
- Mental Health Literacy
- Social Emotional Learning
- Universal Screening



Every Moment Counts

Mental Health Promotion: 6 Key Ingredients

There are many strategies and school-wide programs that can promote positive mental health. *Every Moment Counts* emphasizes the following **6 key ingredients for mental health promotion**. These are reflected in all of our initiatives.

Positive emotions

- Positive emotions can be experienced in the present (doing something fun), past (remembering a positive experience), or when thinking about the future (looking forward to an event). Aim for a 3 to 1 ratio of positive to negative emotions during the day for positive mental health.
- Tune into children's affect (i.e. emotional state). Look at their face and body posture. Do they look happy or content a majority of the day? What activities bring about positive emotions in the children you interact with?

Meaningful activities

- Enjoyment is more often experienced during active versus passive activities that offer the 'just right challenge' that lead to 'flow' (a state of being totally absorbed in the activity). Shared activities foster social interactions and friendships.
- Tune into what students are doing especially during unstructured times of the day (e.g. lunch, recess). Advocate for healthy and enjoyable activity options.

Supportive environments

- Create positive physical and social-emotional environments to help all students participate and enjoy their school day.
- Ensure that all adults are caring, develop positive relationships with all students, and know how to promote positive behavior.
- Teach children and youth to respect difference, include everyone, and be kind to one another.

Mental health literacy

- Help all students and adults develop an understanding of positive mental health and what to do to be mentally healthy. Teach students about the signs
 and symptoms of becoming unwell emotionally and how to seek help when needed.
- Talk about mental health in natural and positive ways throughout the day so that all students value the importance of mental health and view it as a safe subject to talk about. Reduce stigma associate with mental health challenges.

Embedded strategies

- Embed evidence-based mental health promotion strategies throughout the day in natural ways during academics (classroom), lunch, recess, and
 extracurricular leisure activities. Implement Every Moment Counts model programs: Comfortable Cafeteria, Refreshing Recess, Calm Moments Cards,
 Making Leisure Matter.
- Refer to Embedded Strategies. Read about and apply the 10 Moments for Mental Health

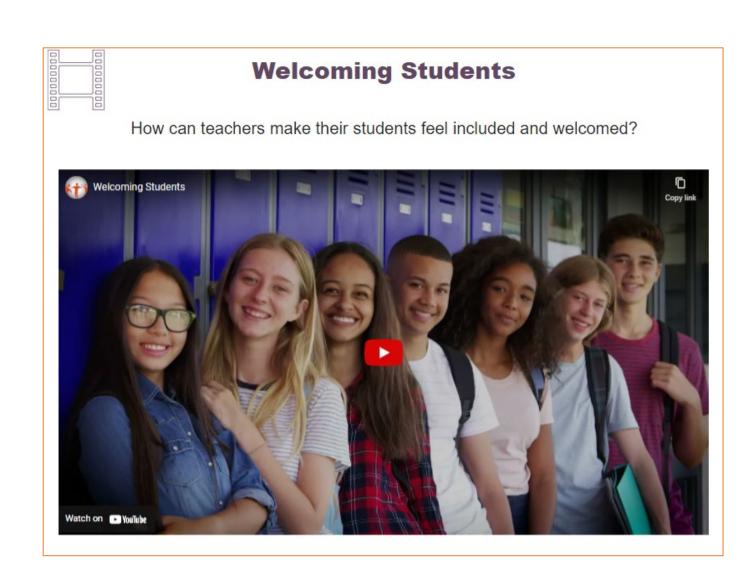
Building capacity → Developing mental health promoters

- Mental health promotion efforts are the most effective when all frontline workers are knowledgeable about tuning into and promoting positive mental health in all students.
- Develop a Community of Practice (CoP) of diverse school personnel who will commit to shared learning and shared work over time focusing on mental health promotion.

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Module 1: Creating Safe and Supportive Classrooms

- Describes the components necessary for creating safe and supportive classrooms.
- Guidance on helping students feel engaged in the classroom community.
- Guidance on helping students feel physically and emotionally safe in the classroom.
- Guidance on designing a safe and supportive physical classroom environment.



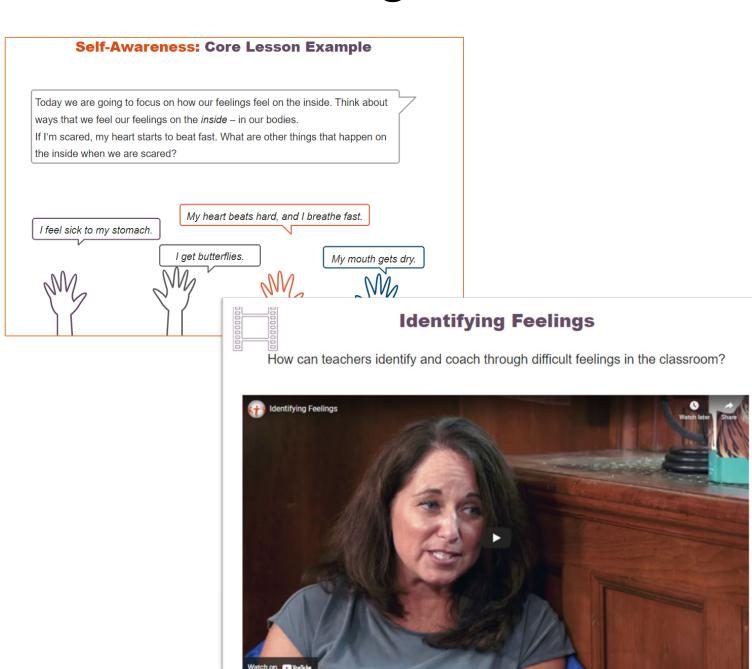
Module 2: Teaching Mental Health Literacy/Awareness and Reducing Stigma

- How to educate students about mental health.
- How to integrate mental health literacy/awareness into instruction.
- How to address mental health stigma in the classroom.



Module 3: Fostering Social Emotional Competencies and Well-Being

- Introduction to social emotional learning (SEL).
- How to integrate SEL competencies into instruction.
- Strategies for teaching students SEL skills.



Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and MTSS

- Whole Child Development
 - Systemic Approach
- SEL Core Tier 1 Supports
- Data-Based Decision Making—SEL Screeners

Tier 2 and Tier 3 Supports

Tier 2

- Evidence-Based Individual/Group Interventions
- Progress Monitoring
- Brief Individualized Interventions (MI, problems solving)
- Mentoring
- Classroom-Based Supports
- Self Regulation and Social Skills

Tier 3

- Individual, Group or Family Counseling/Therapy During School Day
- Re-entry Programs
- Crisis Response Plans in Place

Examples of Tier 2 Supports and Interventions

Reduce Risk Factors

- Bullying Prevention
- Family Stress and Poverty (TIP)
- Transition Periods (Active supervision)
- PBIS

Enhance Protective Factors

- Social Emotional Learning (CASEL, Second Step)
- Self Regulation and Coping-(Zones of regulation, MindUp)
- Positive Social Relationships-(Comfortable Cafeteria, Refreshing Recess)
- Activities that Align with Character Strengths

Examples of Tier 3 Supports and Interventions

Teach Mental Health Literacy to Staff and Students (Embedded Strategies, Classroom WISE)

Be Observant

Make Connections Every Day

Know Your School's Protocol

Encourage positive mental health behaviors in students (healthy eating, daily routines, sleep, exercise)

Promote successful participation and inclusion (clam moments cards)

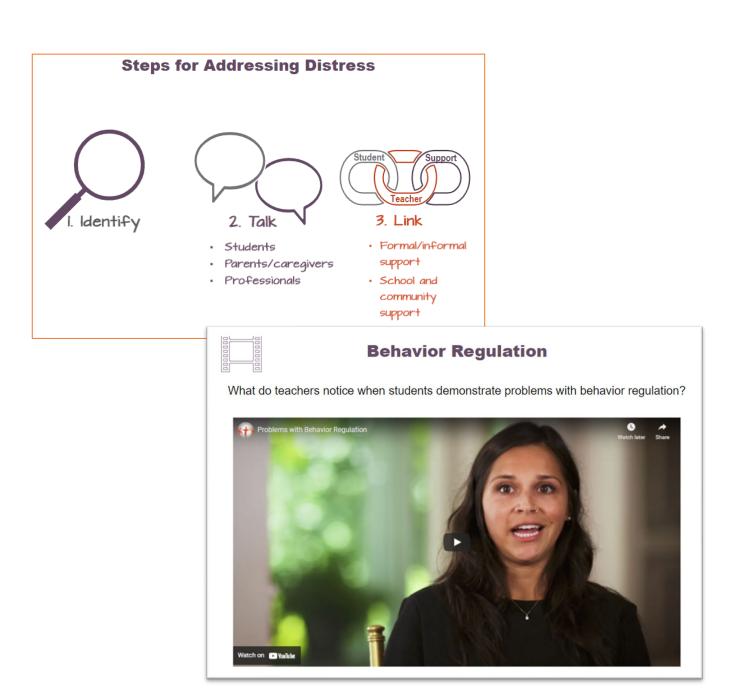
Function based assessments

Wrap around supports

Cultural and contextual fit

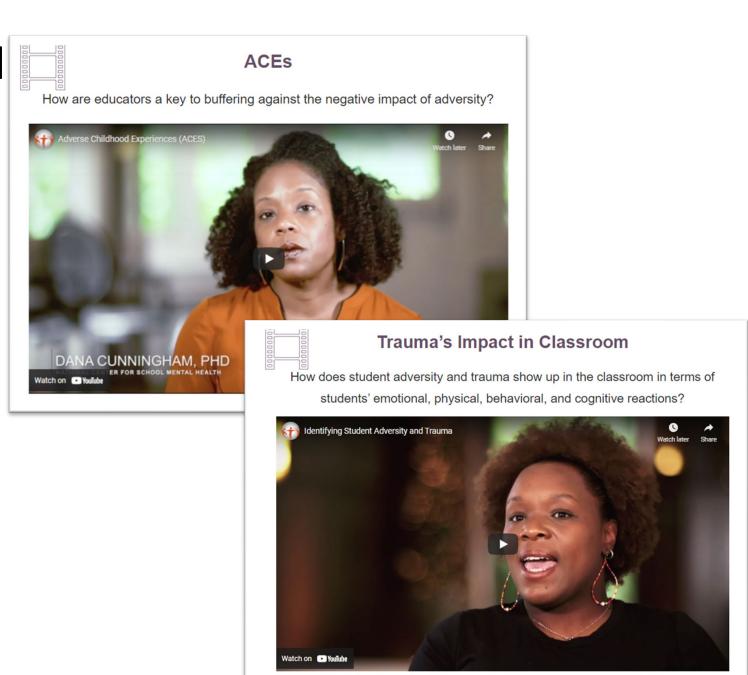
Module 4: Understanding and Supporting Students Experiencing Adversity

- Overview of typical child and adolescent development.
- Strategies for promoting healthily child and adolescent development.
- How to recognize signs of student distress.
- How to link students with potential mental health concerns, and their families, to support.



Module 5: Impact of Trauma and Adversity on Learning and Behavior

- Overview of childhood trauma and adverse childhood experiences (ACES).
- Describes the impact of trauma and ACES on learning and overall functioning.
- Strategies for integrating traumasensitive teaching practices in the classroom.



Trauma Informed Practices and MTSS

Support Support Staff Development Create **Create Safe and Supportive Environment** Assess **Assess Needs and Provide Supports** Collaborate Collaborate with Students and Families Adopt **Adopt Policies and Procedures**

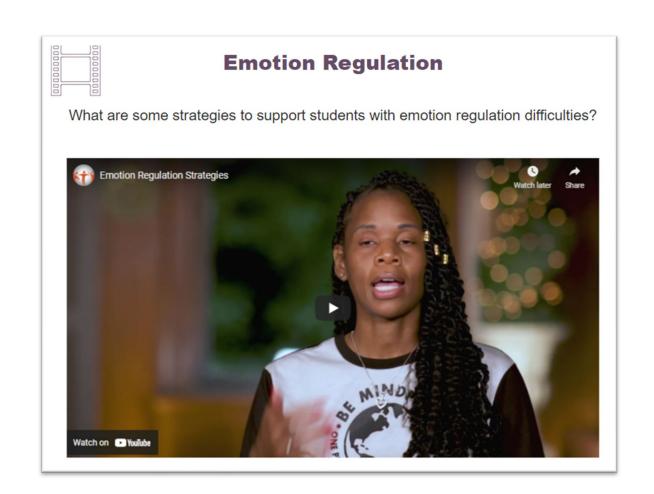
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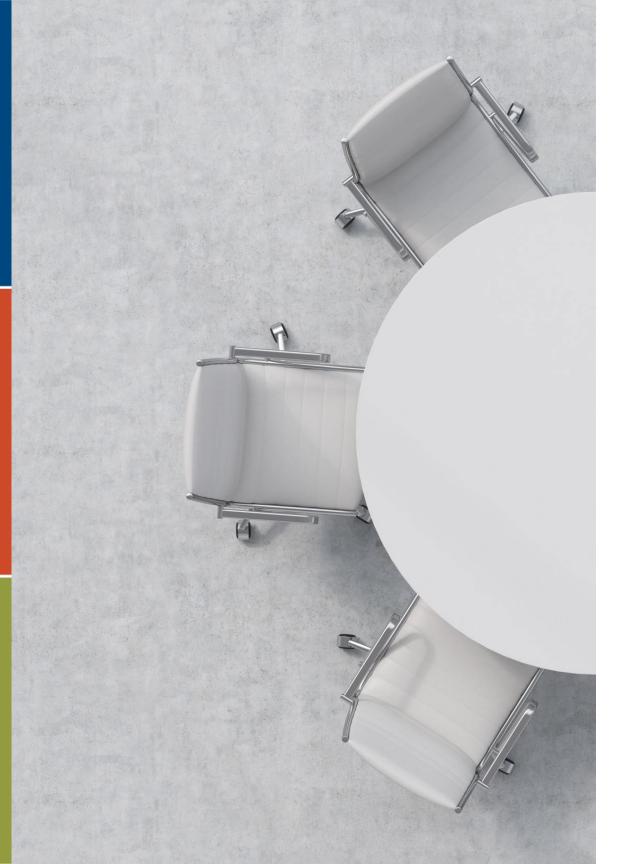
School climate

Aligns with MTSS across Tiers

Module 6: Classroom Strategies to Support Students

- Identifies factors that contribute to student behaviors.
- Practice co-regulation and self-regulation skills.
- Classroom strategies to support students experiencing distress.





Benefits of an MTSS Framework for School Staff

- Classroom WISE as a Universal Support
 - Staff Development
 - Promote Wellness for All
 - Collaboration

Discussion

How do you see
Classroom WISE fitting in
with or complementing
existing Tiered Mental
Health supports or
priorities?



Cultural Inclusiveness and Equity WISE



- A companion course to Classroom WISE, Cultural Inclusiveness and Equity WISE (Well-Being Information and Strategies for Educators), is coming soon!
- Educators will learn how inequities in education impact student mental health and how implicit bias influences our perceptions and responses. Building on this foundation, educators will learn culturally inclusive classroom strategies to support student mental health.
- Visit www.classroomwise.org/companion-course to learn more.

Classroom WISE Video Library



Addressing Stigm atizing Language Teachers can help guide students toward

language free of mental health stigma. In this video, a teacher helps students identify and replace stigmatizing language in the classroom.

Im in 11sec



Restorative Practices

Restorative practices can increase a sense of safety in the classroom. In this video, teachers describe how and when they have successfully used restorative practices with their students.

1min 17sec

Classroom WISE Resource Collection

Below is a compilation of resources that are referenced in the Classroom WISE online course. All resources were developed by the MHTTC Network and the National Center for School Mental Health for Classroom WISE, unless otherwise noted. A complete list of Classroom WISE resources is available here.



Module 1: Creating Safe and Supportive
Classrooms



Module 2: Teaching Mental Health Literacy and Reducing Stigma



Module 3: Fostering Social Emotional Competencies and Well-Being



Module 4: Understanding and Supporting Students Experiencing Adversity and Distress



Module 5: The Impact of Trauma and Adversity on Learning and Behavior



Module 6: Classroom Strategies to Support Students Experiencing Distress

Resource Examples



MODULE
Understanding Student Development and Identifying Student Distre

Promoting Healthy Development

Adults can help promote healthy development in young children and adolescents through a variety of strategies that are unique to each age group. The table below outlines some of these strategies in children ages 5-8, 9-12, and 13-18, which are further detailed in the following sections.

Ages 5-8

- Limit criticism
- Positive attention and specific praise
- · Feedback sandwich
- Teach and model respect

Ages 9-12

- Model and discuss role of making mistakes in the learning process
- Learn from feedback
- Use non-judgmental language
- Discuss complexity of social dynamics in peer relationships

Ages 13-18

- Show respect, trust, and honesty, and express similar expectations
- · Pick your battles
- Notice changes sleep, mood, friends, academics, and other areas of functioning
- Provide supervision and monitoring while respecting privacy

AGES 5-8

Because children at this age are sensitive to feedback, and may be nervous about their abilities, it is important for educators to give lots of positive attention and praise. Specific praise helps children identify positive behaviors and positive traits in themselves. It also increases the likelihood they will repeat this behavior in the future. While criticism should be limited, educators can use a "feedback sandwich" by giving brief corrective feedback between two positive statements.

It is also important for educators to teach and model respect. Just as children need explicit teaching and examples to learn academic information, they also need this explicit instruction and modeling for respect and appropriate behavior. Teachers can help students learn how to respond to problems by modeling using a low and calm voice, stating how they feel, and providing information about how to solve a problem.

AGES 9-12

It is important to give clear and constructive feedback to help children learn from mistakes. While it may be tempting to avoid negative feedback because it can be upsetting, students need this feedback to learn. Feedback should be aimed at helping children to learn from an incident and know how to do it differently the next time. Educators should use non-judgmental language, listen to what students say, and acknowledge the feelings associated with what is said. Students will need ongoing



SEL Activities by Grade Level

Social-emotional learning can be taught using several different approaches. You can provide individual lessons to teach students core social emotional skills, with lessons that vary in frequency and last different amounts of time. You may also promote SEL through embedding social-emotional competencies throughout academic instruction. Listed below are several ideas for activities that can be integrated into elementary and secondary classrooms.

ELEMENTARY

High Five to Friendship – This activity can help students learn how to be a better friend. First, brainstorm as a class to identify characteristics of a good friend. Then have students trace their right and left hands onto two pieces of paper. On one hand, have them write the characteristics that make them a good friend. On the other hand, have them write areas where they can improve to become a better friend. Ask the students to choose one area to practice that week.

Snowstorm in a Bag – This activity can encourage students to practice deep breathing with a fun technique. First, explain the concept of deep breathing and its purpose. Choose a container (e.g., bottle, baggie) that can have a straw inserted and add small pieces of paper into the container. Ask students to breathe deeply and exhale into the straw to create a "snowstorm". Encourage students to reflect on how they feel during and after the activity.

SECONDARY

Gratitude Journal – This activity can help students intentionally recognize the positive. At the end of the day or class period, ask students to take a moment and write down or draw two things they are grateful for. Allow the opportunity for students who want to share to describe to the class one thing they are grateful for.

Self-Advocacy Cards – This activity can help students grow aware of their own needs and learn to self-advocate. Ask students to reflect on questions such as:

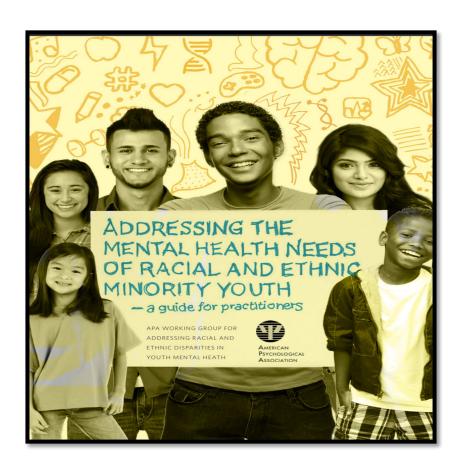
- What are things that I do or how do I feel when things are not going well for me?
- How would someone else be able to tell things are not going well for me?
- What can I do to help myself when I am struggling in school?
 What is my next step if these coping strategies are not working?
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Everyday Mental Health Classroom Resource. (2021). View and filter all practices. https://smho-smso.ca/emhc/filter/

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Data Based Decision Making



TALKING POINTS



NEEDS ASSESSMENT



RESOURCE MAPPING



STIGMA REDUCTION

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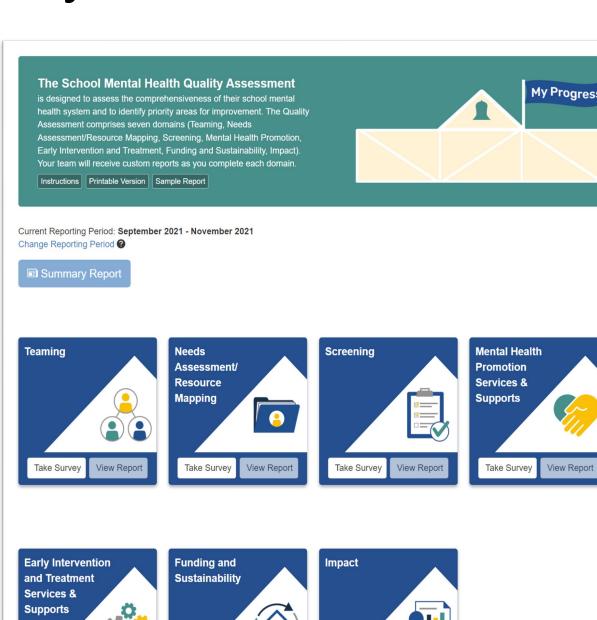
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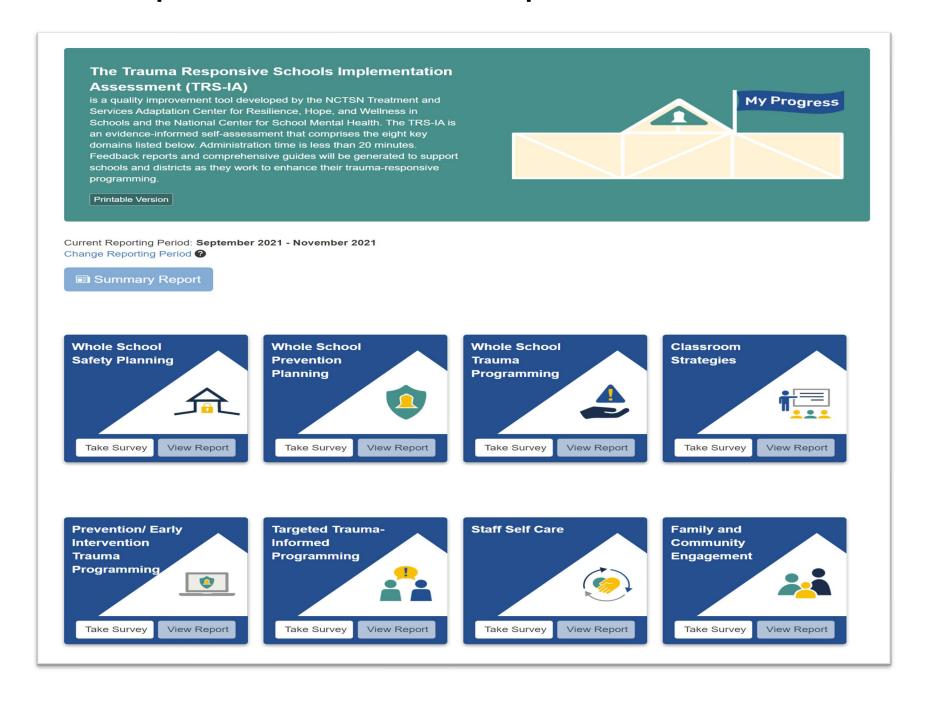
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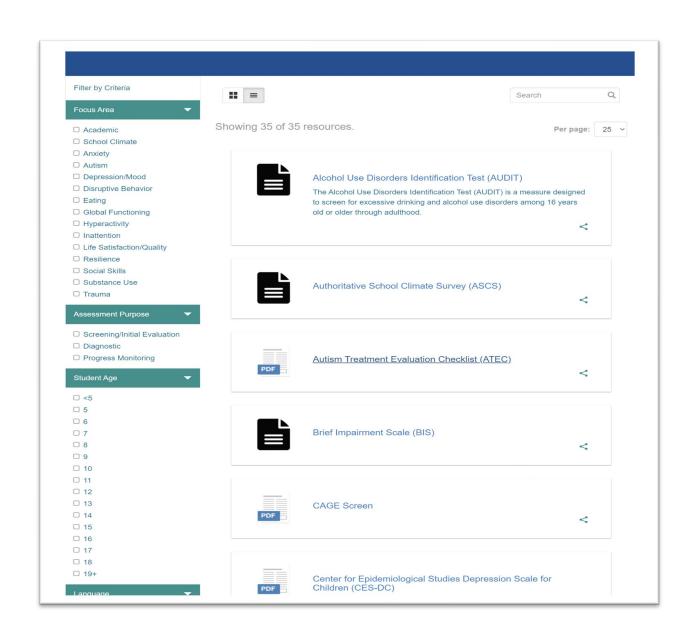
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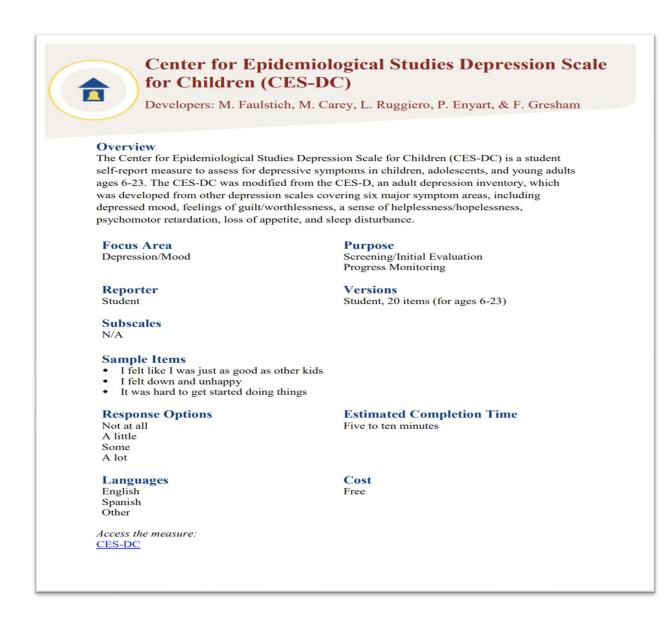
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Classroom WISE Value Added

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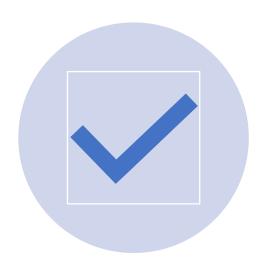
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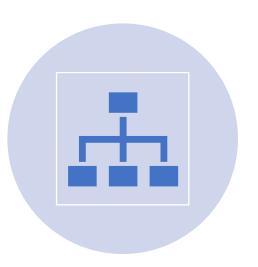
Timing: Available 24/7.

Engagement: Accessible yet interactive.

Implementation Planning Considerations







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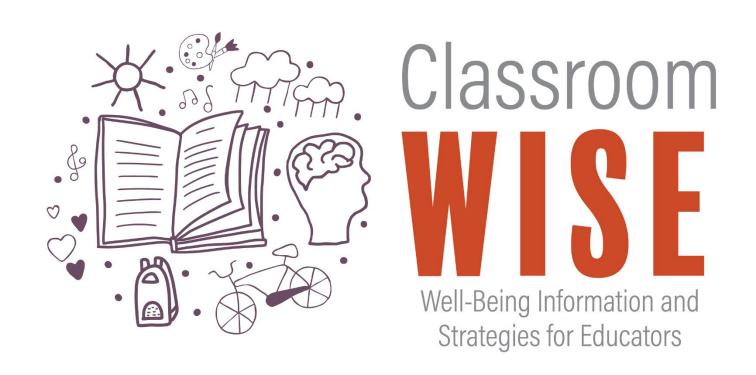
ONGOING: SUPPORTED APPLICATION

MULTILEVEL IMPLEMENTATION ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES

Questions? Next Steps

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Classroom Wise Resources

- SEL/MTSS Toolkit: https://753a0706.flowpaper.com/CCSSOSELMTSSToolkit/#page=1
- CASEL: https://casel.org/
- Every Moment Counts: https://everymomentcounts.org/about/
- Integrating ClassroomWISE With a Trauma-Informed Schools Framework https://mhttcnetwork.org/centers/content/integrating-classroomwise-trauma-informed-schools-framework
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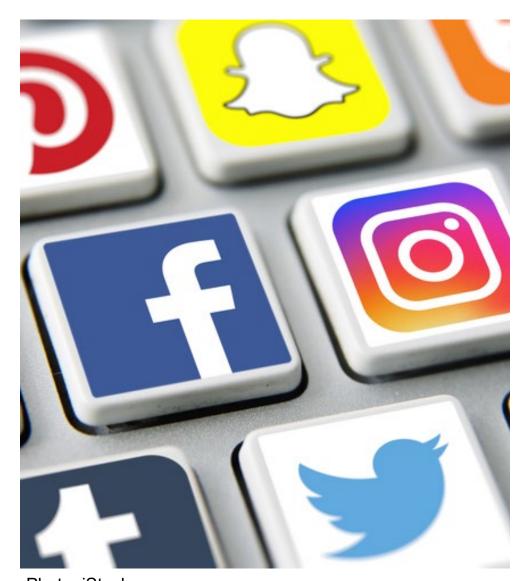


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