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Making Schools and Students Safer

*Safe Schools/Healthy Students Framework
Implementation Toolkit (Safe Schools FIT)*

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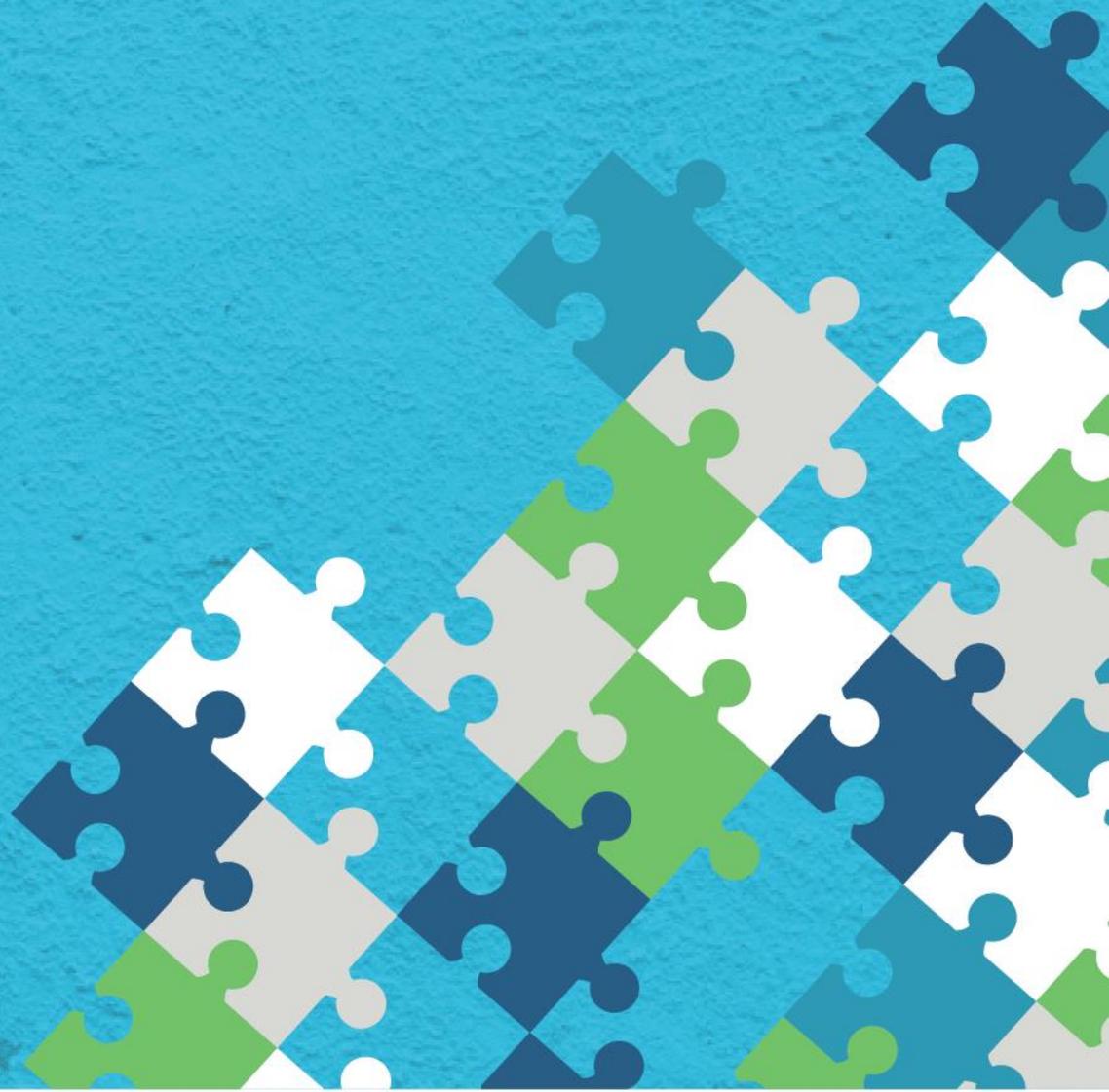


The National Resource Center SERVES:

Safe Schools/ Healthy Students (SS/HS)
State-funded Grantees
&
the Field at-Large



Poll #1



Presenters



Sandy Williamson



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Objectives

Participants will:

1. Learn how the Safe Schools/Healthy Students (SS/HS) model has made schools and communities healthier and safer.
2. Learn about the Safe Schools Framework Implementation Toolkit, a new online resource.

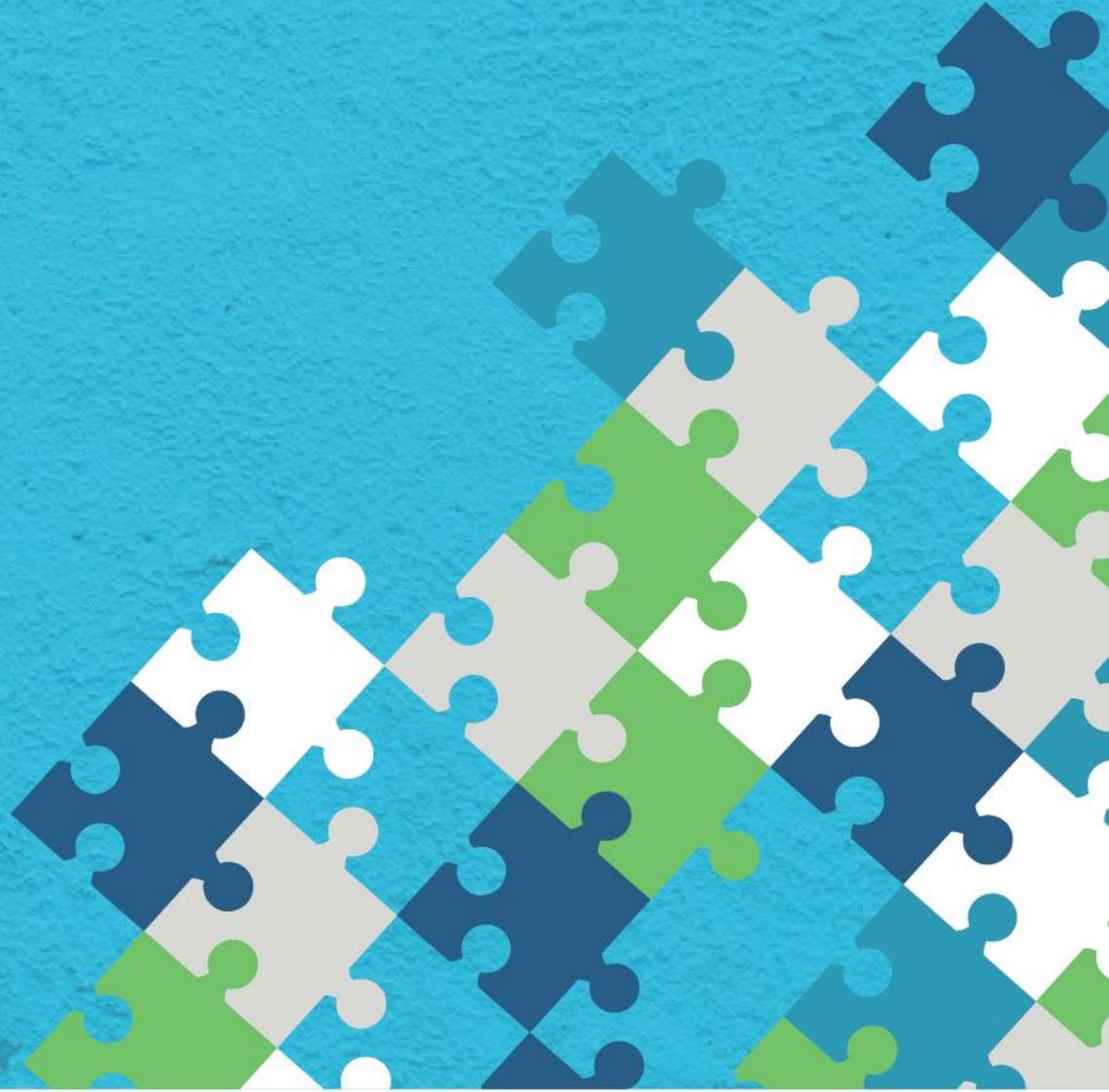
A photograph of three young men standing in front of a wall covered in colorful graffiti. The man on the left is wearing a black puffer jacket over a grey t-shirt and a tan beanie, holding a skateboard. The man in the middle is wearing a dark leather jacket with a fur-lined hood and a brown beanie, also holding a skateboard. The man on the right is wearing a blue puffer vest over a white shirt and a red beanie, holding a basketball. A semi-transparent blue banner is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing white text.

**Background of
SS/HS: Lessons
Learned Since
1999**

SS/HS – How did this Initiative Begin?

- As part of the federal response to the first school shootings, SS/HS was one of the few cross-agency violence prevention initiatives.
- Since 1999, SS/HS has served over 386 local school districts and communities in the United States helping build capacity.

Poll #2



SAFE SCHOOLS / HEALTHY STUDENTS: 1999–2013



- 13 million youth
- 365 communities
- 49 states

Evaluation of SS/HS (2013)

Findings show this model works:

- 90% of school staff saw reduced violence on school grounds and 80% of school staff reported that SS/HS reduced violence in their communities
- 263% increase in the number of students who received school-based mental health services and 519% increase in students receiving community-based services
- 90% of school staff were better able to detect mental health problems with students

Next Generation of SS/HS

In 2013, Congress scaled-up SS/HS from the local level to the State level. Grants were awarded to the State Departments of Education or State Departments of Mental Health. The new SS/HS State program funded 7 states to each work with 3 pilot local education agencies (LEAs)/communities to create an integrated network of programs, activities, and policies to improve the lives of children, youth, and families.

Next Generation of SS/HS

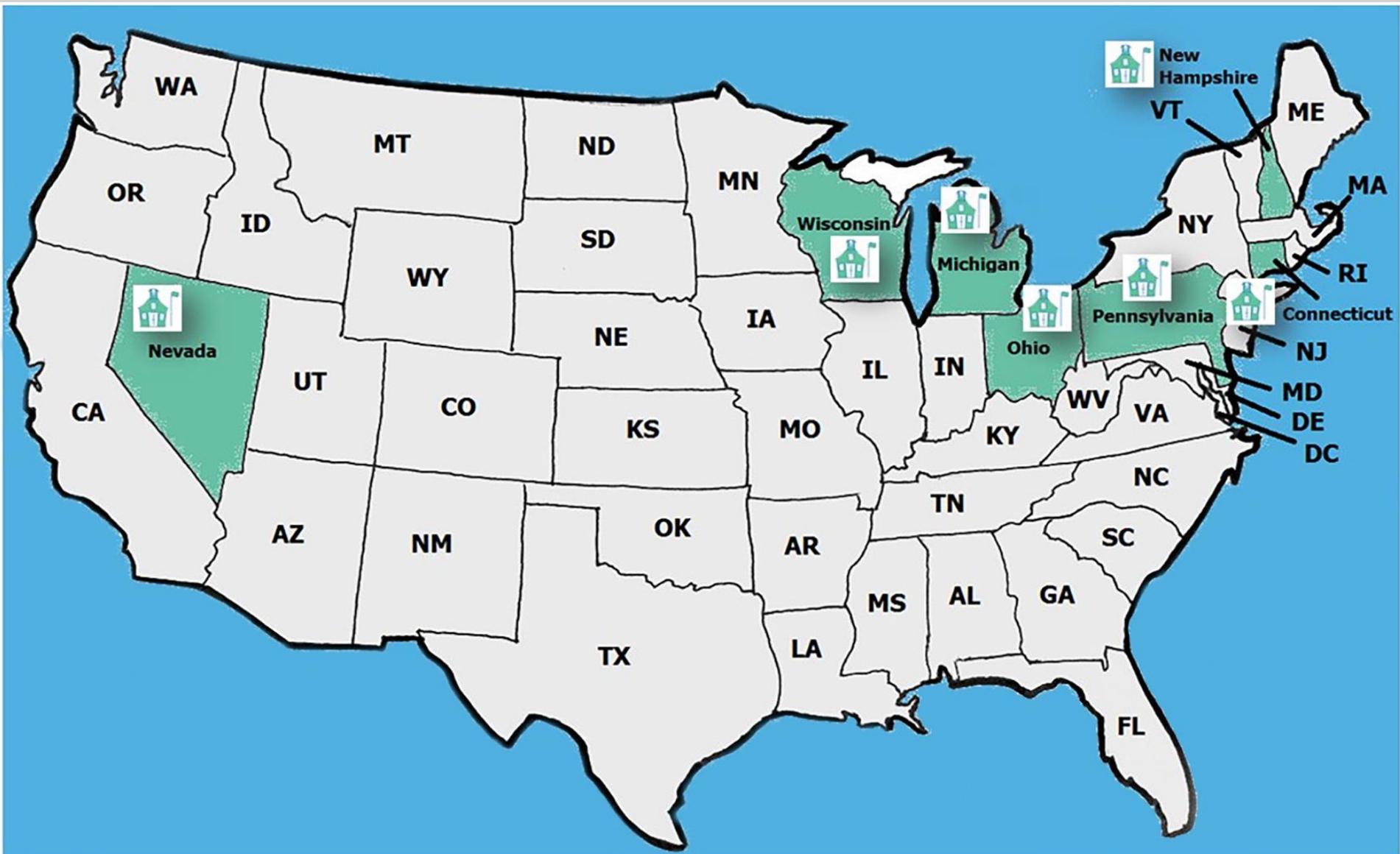
Purpose

To create safe and supportive schools and communities by bringing the SS/HS model to scale at the state/tribe level by building partnerships among educational, behavioral health and criminal/juvenile justice systems.

Goals

- Increase the number of children and youth who have access to behavioral health services
- Decrease the number of students who use substances
- Increase supports for early childhood development
- Improve school climate
- Reduce the number of students who are exposed to violence

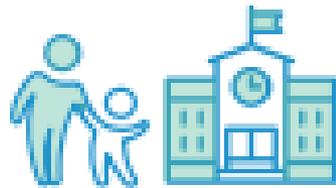
SAFE SCHOOLS / HEALTHY STUDENTS: 2013+



SS/HS Works!

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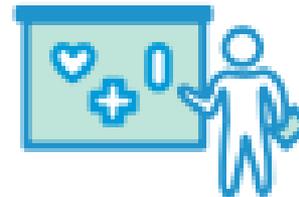
In 21 innovative and diverse communities across seven states, it is clear that that SS/HS works:



MORE THAN

34,000

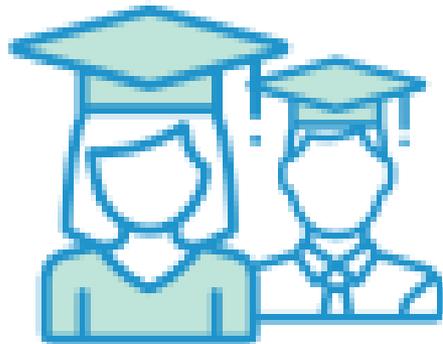
STUDENTS RECEIVED
SCHOOL-BASED
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES



60,000

INDIVIDUALS WERE
TRAINED IN MENTAL
HEALTH PROMOTION AND
YOUTH VIOLENCE
PREVENTION*

SS/HS Works!



200,000

**STUDENTS WERE SERVED BY
SS/HS PROGRAMMING***

**approximately*



Safe Schools FIT

<http://safeschoolstools.org>

SS/HS Framework

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The Safe Schools/Healthy Students (SS/HS) Framework tool helps you and your partners understand and plan a comprehensive approach to mental health promotion and youth violence prevention and was developed from evaluation data and working with SS/HS grantees across the country since 1999.

The SS/HS Framework integrates the five SS/HS Elements with Strategic Approaches and Guiding Principles. The SS/HS Elements are the core components of the SS/HS Initiative while the Strategic Approaches are the roadmap to ensure success in planning and implementation in how education, mental health, and child and family serving agencies work together at the State and community level. The Guiding Principles are the values that connect content and program areas of the Framework. You can use this interactive tool at the state or community level to develop a comprehensive plan to meet your unique needs in mental health promotion and youth violence prevention.

EXPLORE THE FRAMEWORK

[VIEW STRATEGIC APPROACHES](#)

[VIEW ELEMENTS](#)

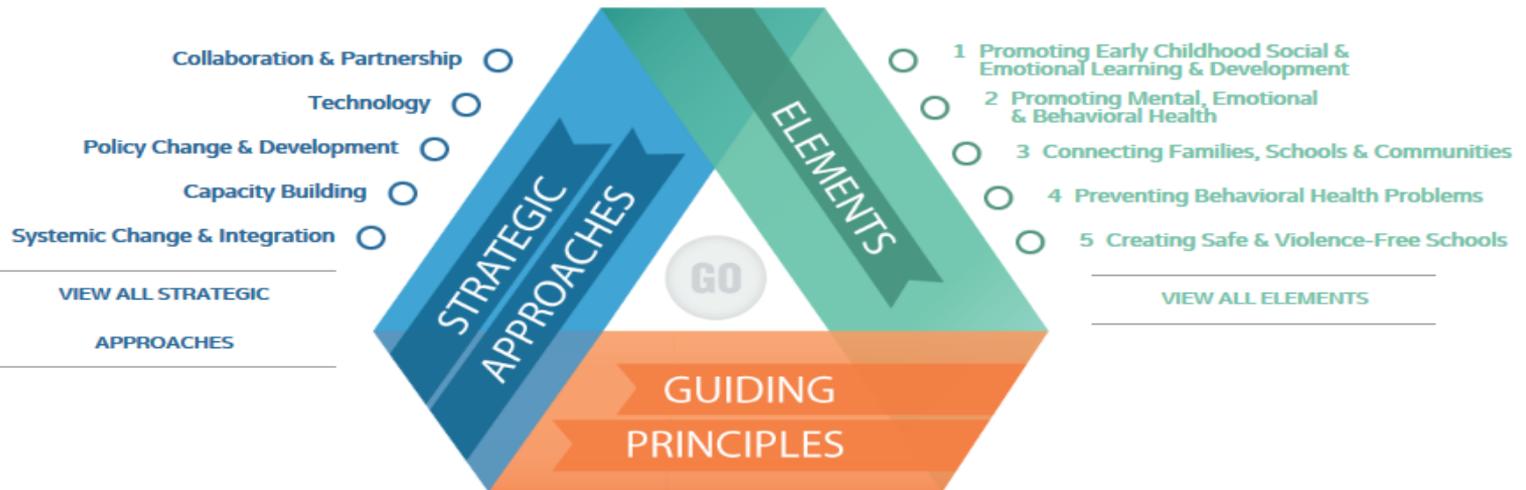
[VIEW GUIDING PRINCIPLES](#)

- Select Approach Select Element Click "GO" Button
- 1 2 3

SELECT A STRATEGIC APPROACH

&

SELECT AN ELEMENT (CLICK "GO")



SELECT A GUIDING PRINCIPLE

Cultural & Linguistic Competency

Resource Leveraging

Serving Vulnerable & At-Risk

Sustainability

Populations

Youth Guided & Family Driven

Developmentally Appropriate

Evidence-Based Interventions

[VIEW ALL GUIDING PRINCIPLES](#)

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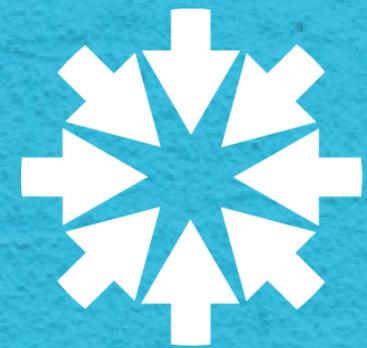


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