The National Resource Center, funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), has offered resources and expert support to help prevent youth violence and promote the overall well-being of children, youth, and their families.
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SERVES:

Safe Schools/ Healthy Students (SS/HS)
State-funded Grantees
&
the Field at-Large
Poll #1
Presenters

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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.
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+
In 21 innovative and diverse communities across seven states, it is clear 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://safeschoolsroots.org
SS/HS Framework

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.

Select Approach  Select Element  Click "GO" Button

SELECT A STRATEGIC APPROACH & SELECT AN ELEMENT (CLICK "GO")

Collaboration & Partnership  Technology  Policy Change & Development  Capacity Building  Systemic Change & Integration

1 Promoting Early Childhood Social & Emotional Learning & Development
2 Promoting Mental, Emotional & Behavioral Health
3 Connecting Families, Schools & Communities
4 Preventing Behavioral Health Problems
5 Creating Safe & Violence-Free Schools

VIEW ALL STRATEGIC APPROACHES

VIEW ALL ELEMENTS

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
Questions?
If you would like more information about the content of this online learning event or about how the National Resource Center for Mental Health Promotion and Youth Violence Prevention can help you with the work you do, please contact 1-866-577-5787 or via email at Healthysafechildren@air.org
Feedback Survey:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SSHSFITS

Thank you!