



Center for School Mental Health

Advancing a National
Community of Practice

With the IDEA Partnership, the CSMH has helped to build and is committed to providing ongoing support to advance a National Community of Practice on Collaborative School Behavioral Health. This community includes consumers, practitioners, researchers, and decision-makers. The mission of the community is to bridge the differences across education and mental health to support youth. To learn more about the Community and its participating states and practice groups, please visit, www.sharedwork.org.

CSMH Website and Listserv

The Center for School Mental Health (CSMH) website is designed to provide user-friendly resources and information for diverse stakeholders interested in advancing school mental health within their own school, community, city, state, or nation. To access the website, <http://csmh.umaryland.edu>



The Center has a listserv that functions as a primary means of communication and information sharing. The listserv provides recipients with links to key documents developed by the CSMH and others, announcements about conferences and webinars, updates on new initiatives and policies, highlights from academic journals, current events, and news articles, updates from the National Community of Practice, and other important information related to policy, research, and best practice in school mental health. To join the listserv, please send a blank email to sympa@lists.umaryland.edu. In the subject line write: subscribe CSMH [your email address] [your last name] [your first name].

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An Overview

The mission of the Center for School Mental Health (CSMH) is to strengthen policies and programs in school mental health to improve learning and promote success for America's youth. From its inception in 1995, the Center's leadership and interdisciplinary staff has promoted the importance of providing mental health services to children, adolescents, and families directly in schools and communities.

We continue to advance evidence-based care in schools (from preschool to college; P-16) and collaborate at local, state, national, and international levels to advance research, training, policy, and practice in school mental health. The CSMH is committed to promoting success for *all* students through a shared family – school – community agenda and co-facilitates a National Community of Practice on Collaborative School Behavioral Health.

We collaborate with a **wide range of stakeholders** invested in integrated approaches to reduce barriers to student learning:

- ◆ Youth and Families
- ◆ Educators, Health, and Mental Health Providers
- ◆ Researchers
- ◆ Child Serving Agency Staff
- ◆ Advocates
- ◆ Administrators and Policymakers
- ◆ Community Partners

Knowledge Advancement and Conferences

The CSMH analyzes diverse sources of information, develops and disseminates policy briefs, and promotes the utilization of knowledge and actions to advance successful and innovative mental health policies and programs in schools.



The CSMH is committed to advancing school mental health through its leadership and sponsorship of two meetings.

The Annual Conference on Advancing School Mental Health, sponsored in collaboration with the IDEA Partnership (<http://www.ideapartnership.org>). The Annual Conference is rapidly evolving via the Community of Practice framework, by allowing participants to stay connected throughout the year in this important shared work.

The **School Health Interdisciplinary Program** is held in Maryland each summer in collaboration with Maryland state agencies and local programs and organizations. The conference offers youth-serving professionals and families intensive specialized training that helps to advance and support a coordinated school health model.

CSMH Goals

- To increase the understanding of successful and innovative school mental health programs, policies, and practices.
- To broadly disseminate key information about school mental health research, training, policy, and practice to interested stakeholders.
- To promote the use of best practice in school mental health through knowledge utilization and action.



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