
About the Current State of Student Support and Future Directions

Seeking your perspective.

Recently, a colleague involved with a regional education agency asked about the current state of student support and future directions.

We have addressed some of these concerns in the past,* but we are now seeking to gather and share current perspectives from across the country.

We see mixed messages in the press and from what we hear from different folks:

- > In some districts student support staff are laid off and community providers are hired on.
- > In some districts, there are open positions for student support staff that can't be filled.
- > There is some suggestion that the training programs for student support staff aren't keeping up with the demand.
- > There are many examples of peer and cross age counseling programs becoming more prevalent.
- > The guilds mainly seem to advocate for hiring more of their particular members despite the realities of tight school budgets and the competition among support staff.

What's your perspective?????

Send to Ltaylor@ucla.edu

Please share this with others so we can garner a broad sample of views.

*See what we continue to advocate:

Student/Learning Supports: A Brief Guide for Moving in New Directions

<https://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/pdfdocs/briefguide.pdf>