
Just released – *Policy Notes:*

Supports for Students Deemed At-Risk*

<http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/pdfdocs/risk.pdf>

Increasing attention has come to students labeled as “at-risk.”

Definitions of at-risk vary. The questions for school remain constant:

Who are these students and what can schools do to help them?

Clearly, school want to ameliorate students’ problems. However, as with all such labels, there is concern about making the problems worse (e.g., generating self-fulfilling prophecies, stigma, blaming the victim).

This set of policy notes highlights what schools currently do and the need to move toward a more effective systemic approach.

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For information about the *National Initiative to Transform Student and Learning Supports*, see <http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/newinitiative.html>

Please forward this to a few colleagues you think might be interested.

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Looking forward to hearing from you.
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