

More Federal Funding for Safety and Mental Health in Schools

Recent announcements:

“With the enactment of the \$13 billion Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, schools will have an influx of available federal funds to put toward expanding mental health supports and improving learning conditions and school safety.” <https://www.k12dive.com/news/4-ways-ed-leaders-can-prepare-for-funds-in-newly-enacted-gun-safety-bill/626125/>

“The Biden-Harris Administration announced two new actions to strengthen school-based mental health services and address the youth mental health crisis.”

https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-two-new-actions-address-youth-mental-health-crisis?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term

As districts and schools pursue these federal funds, special attention is called for to avoid adding more ad hoc and piecemeal interventions. See:

***Reversing the Fragmentation of Student/Learning Supports:
Are You Part of the Problem?
Will You be Part of the Solution?***

<http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/pdfdocs/summer2022.pdf>

With a view to the future, federal funds are an opportunity for both meeting immediate needs and initiating long-range, substantive systemic improvements in how schools address barriers to learning and teaching and provide student and learning supports.

Here are three free resources we have developed to provide online in-depth aids to guide transformation planning:

> *Embedding Mental Health as Schools Change*

> *Improving School Improvement*

> *Addressing Barriers to Learning: In the Classroom and Schoolwide*

all three can be accessed at http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/improving_school_improvement.html

Please share this information with those who may find it helpful.

If you missed this week’s community of practice Practitioner, see <http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/practitioner.htm>.

And if you have any questions or want to share something you think others might find relevant, send them to Ltaylor@ucla.edu

Finally, for those moving forward to develop a unified, comprehensive, and equitable system of learning supports, we offer free distance coaching and technical assistance <http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/pdfdocs/coach.pdf>

