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Brian Galdes is the Suicide Prevention Coordinator for Growth Works and leads the Hope Empowerment Coalition, a community-driven initiative focused on advancing mental health and suicide prevention. A former Superintendent of South Redford Schools, he brings a deep commitment to fostering collaboration between schools, districts, and community mental health organizations. Recognized for his leadership in this vital work, Brian was appointed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer to the State of Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission. In 2025, he was honored by NAMI as the Secondary Educator of the Year for his role in advancing the coalition’s mission and strengthening suicide prevention efforts across Michigan.