

Email subject: Invitation to Provide Input on Massachusetts Birth to Higher Education Mental and Behavioral Health Framework – Please respond by June 11

Dear Members,

Our organization has been asked to provide input to inform the development of a statewide **Birth to Higher Education Mental and Behavioral Health Framework** for Massachusetts. Our field has been identified as a key stakeholder group that can provide valuable insights critical to shaping this important work.

The framework is an initiative of the **Massachusetts Executive Office of Education (EOE)**—including its three Departments (**the Department of Early Education and Care (DEEC)**, **the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)**, and **the Department of Higher Education (DHE)**, and **DHE**)—as well as the **Department of Mental Health (DMH)** and the **Department of Public Health (DPH)**. The goal is to create a comprehensive, aligned framework that strengthens how educational institutions across the Commonwealth support the mental and behavioral health of all learners.

For more context, you can read the EOE's [press release here](#).

□ **Action Requested:** We are asking you to complete this brief (10-15 minute) survey by June 11, 2025: <https://go.edc.org/MAFramework>

The survey asks about current experiences and challenges in providing mental and behavioral health supports in educational settings and requests input on critical features of the Framework. The survey is voluntary and confidential, and does not ask for any names or identifying information.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Shari Kessel Schneider (skschneider@edc.org) at Education Development Center, a MA-based organization that is working with the EOE and related state agencies to develop the Framework.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to help with this effort and for your valuable perspective.

Warm regards,

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