



Healthcare workers and
Educators Addressing
and Reducing Trauma

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KEY TALKING POINTS



01. Priority: Funding School-Based Mental Health Initiatives

Sustainable funding for school mental health is Priority #1. This is best achieved through efforts with diversely-funded collaborators and a strategic vision that considers new opportunities to bring in partners, resources, and funding streams as they become available.



02. Priority: Trauma-Skilled Practitioners

Our schools need more trauma-skilled personnel—administrators, educators, behavioral health and other professionals to help youth and their families cope with the impact of trauma. Public policies and practices should promote greater awareness and early identification of mental health conditions and enable all schools and districts to increase access to appropriate mental health services.



03. Priority: Equity-focused, Trauma-responsive Systems of Care

School communities need to ensure culturally responsive, integrative, and positive school-based mental health approaches. Collaborations around comprehensive school mental health supports offer vital connections with healthcare centers as well as community-based organizations, mental and behavioral health agencies, and other youth-serving institutions that can deliver enhanced wraparound services.