

Engaging Schools as Partners in Substance Use Disorders Prevention



CCSI's Laura Ficarra, PhD - Prevention Planning and Education Coordinator, NYS Office of Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Services, presented at the [18th Annual Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Providers of New York State Conference](#) last week. Her collaborative session, *Engaging Schools as Partners in Substance Use Disorders Prevention*, honed in on Mental, Emotional and Behavioral (MEB) conditions. She discussed the topic from an evidence-based programming perspective with an emphasis on primary prevention, and offered ideas about implementation fidelity and outcomes related to EBP substance abuse prevention programming in elementary schools. Dr. Ficarra's professional expertise also relates to teaching, special education, and behavioral support. Check out her most recent book chapter

[*Reconceptualizing Universal Design for Learning \(UDL\) as Learning Technology in Non-Formal Education*](#). Email her at Laura.Ficarra@oasas.ny.gov to learn more.

