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Building your School-Community Collaboration: Partnerships, Funding and Sustainability



WHEN:

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 - In-person pre-conference session 12:30pm-3:30pm
\$75.00, includes lunch - available at 11:30am

WHERE:

- In-person— at Glacier Canyon Conference Center - Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells

PRE-CONFERENCE PRESENTERS:

Kathy Markeland's thirty year career has been focused on public policy advocacy for public and private sector entities and the people that they support. For the past fifteen years at WAFCA, she has amplified the voice of provider agencies serving children and families across the state through preventative services, mental health and substance use treatment, foster care, education and youth justice supports. Since 2016, it has been WAFCA's privilege to provide contracted administrative support for the Coalition for Expanding School-Based Mental Health in Wisconsin and witness the exponential growth of comprehensive school mental health across the state. WAFCA members are providers of human services across the state of Wisconsin who work in concert with school partners to support children and families. The majority of WAFCA members align with schools to support mental well-being through assessment, consultation, training, groups and individual therapy for students referred for enhanced support.

Julie Hueller currently serves as Manager for the Racine Collaborative for Children's Mental Health for the Racine Unified School District. Julie has devoted her career to the emotional and mental well-being of children and adults. From her early work in the mental health field as a RN, to her experience in administration, and ultimately leading to her Community Collaborator role, Julie is passionate about ensuring that Wisconsin communities address the unmet mental health and addiction needs of children and youth. As current Chair of the Coalition for Expanding School-Based Mental Health in Wisconsin, Julie shares her skills as a community connector, community connector, project manager, mentor, strategic planner, grant writer, and project implementer. She is a huge advocate for the comprehensive school-based mental health model which provides the necessary components that schools need to consider when addressing the mental health needs of the whole child.

SESSION DESCRIPTION

Wisconsin schools are making progress implementing initiatives that align with the comprehensive school mental health model. One of the keys to a system that delivers multi-tiered supports is active and impactful collaboration with community partners, including counties, providers, health care and parents to ensure that the whole community is wrapping around students to create a robust ecosystems of supports that advance mental well-being.

At the core of authentic collaborations is trust which can be build through a commitment to ongoing communication, shared understanding of roles and responsibilities and clarity of expectations. This session will focus in on the nuts and bolts of quality collaborations and help participants work through identification of key partners and navigation of community relationships to advance school and community cultures that promote resiliency and embrace the array of strengths that schools and community partners bring to the table.

Session Objectives:

- Conducting an environmental scan to identify school and community resources
- Identifying roles and responsibilities for multi-level mental health services and supports
- Understanding tools available for drafting MOUs and Contracts
- Braiding and blending funding to support multi-level services

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