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Destigmatizing mental health

Best Practices for Creating a Comforting School Environment

August 4-5, 2020

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Destigmatizing Mental Health: Best Practices for Creating a Comforting School Environment

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Program Description: As school boards and districts continue their search for solutions to the increasingly apparent problem of students with mental-health-related challenges, NYSIR's special 2020 symposium, ***Destigmatizing Mental Health - Best Practices for Creating a Comforting School Environment***, offers education professionals the opportunity to hear from experts on strategies for creating socio-emotional learning; implementing restorative practices; preventing suicide; and preparing for training mandated by Erin's Law.

Topics to be Discussed:

- Best practices for school mental health programs
- Choose Love - Social and emotional learning for students and educators
- Restorative practices in school communities
- Creating 'suicide-safer' schools: building social emotional wellness and resiliency
- A voice for the voiceless - Erin's Law
- Innovative school mental health programs

Symposium Registration:

To register, please email Krystal Allen at kallen@nysir.org with the names of attendees and school district by July 24. Links to symposium sessions will be sent the week of July 27. Please indicate if you need CTLE credit. A CTLE Request Form will be sent to you. Professional certificate holders can earn up to nine hours of CTLE credit.

Symposium Program:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Amy Molloy, Director, School Mental Health Resource Center,
Mental Health Association of New York State
Best Practices for School Mental Health Programs

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Session Break

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Scarlett Lewis, Founder, Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement
***Choose Love – Social and Emotional Learning
for Students and Educators***

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Bonnie Kane, Ph.D., Director, Niagara Alliance for Restorative Justice,
Associate Professor, Niagara University
Best Restorative Practices in School Communities

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Kristine Orr, Superintendent of Schools, South Glens Falls CSD
***Best Practices and Innovative Mental Health Methods
in the School Community***

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Session Break

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Erin Merryn, President, Erin's Law
A Voice for the Voiceless

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Alec L. Miller, Psy.D., Co-founder and Clinical Director,
Cognitive & Behavioral Consultants, LLP
***Creating Suicide-Safer Schools: Building Social-Emotional
Wellness and Resiliency in Schools***



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