



Vision:

Our vision is for each and every Indiana student to be socially, emotionally, behaviorally, mentally, and physically healthy so they are ready to learn and achieve their full potential.

Mission:

Our mission is to work alongside school districts and community partners to create a community of practice by providing resources, consultation, professional development, and education that promote and sustain the social, emotional, behavioral, mental, and physical health of Indiana's school-aged children with the goal of increasing school engagement and improving educational and life outcomes.

Values and Beliefs:

- The function of an education is to address the growth and development of the whole child.
- Education and open discussion about mental health foster understanding and reduce societal stigma.
- Healthy relationships promote healthy growth, including academic growth.
- Meeting the social, emotional, and mental health needs of school staff is just as important as meeting those of our students.
- Our schools and communities are strongest when we all work together.

Goals:

- Build a community of practice by sharing best practices and harnessing our collective knowledge across Indiana.
- Promote the development of multi-tiered, multi-faceted infrastructures to support school communities in addressing the social, emotional, behavioral, and mental health needs of students and staff.
- Raise awareness of the positive effects of social emotional learning, resiliency building, and mental health support on the experiences of stress, trauma, and adversity.
- Identify barriers that exist to good mental health and work to reduce/eliminate those barriers.
- Assist school districts in building strong community partnerships.
- Identify funding mechanisms and community partners to sustain this work.