



## **Educators, Mental Health Professionals and Parents/Guardians Working and Learning Together: An Essential Partnership that Supports Safe and Truly “Smart” Schools**

*Do educators, school-based counselors and parents/guardians work and learn together to support student learning, positive youth development and a supportive learning environment?*

**Target Audience:** K-12 educators, school-based mental health professionals, After School Professionals and/or Parent Leaders

Effective educators-mental health professional-parents/guardian partnerships provide an essential foundation for safe and “connected” school communities and engaged students. Educators, parents/guardians and school counselors each have expertise and understanding that can aid the others and most importantly, positive youth development and student learning.

There are many factors that – inadvertently – undermine these partnerships.

Participants will learn about:

- Models and procedures that support effective educator, mental health professional and parent/guardian partnerships;
- A framework that delineates the boundary between being an educator and a clinician;
- Practical strategies that enhance parent’s inclination and ability to let educators and counselors know about concerns that they may have.

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