Be Here, Behave & Perform: Increasing Consistency Among School Staff to Support Student Mental Health

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#### Presenter Disclosures

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*Objectives* 

- The participant will be able to identify three ways in which the quality improvement initiative contributed to increasing a positive school climate.
- The participant will be able to discuss common language that was created by the PEHS Social Emotional Committee (Be Here, Behave, Perform) and how this has improved greater consistency among school staff.
- The participant will be able to explain the Teacher Lunch Bunch model and develop a plan for possible replication at their home school(s)/district.

#### Proviso East High School Maywood, IL



- Large suburban school west of Chicago
- Illinois School Report Card:
- 1753 students enrolled: 52% African American, 45%
   Hispanic, 3% other
- 83% Low income
- 23% Students with disabilities
- 30% Students are considered chronically truant
- 17% Mobility Rate
- Loyola SBHC has been working in partnership with District 209/Proviso East High School since its inception in January 2002
- Provides primary care, mental health, and nutrition services



## CoIIN Quality Improvement Initiative

- 15-month learning collaborative in partnership with the Center for School Mental Health through the University of Maryland (October 2015-December 2016)
- 1 of 7 Mental Health Quality Improvement CollN teams



### CoIIN Goals @ PEHS

- The CollN team at PEHS will implement a school-wide intervention system (RTI, PBIS, etc..) with a strong emphasis on a tier one interventions that will address the entire school.
- 2. The CollN team will develop new programs (within reason) to be facilitated by schoolbased mental health staff, in collaboration with Loyola SBHC
- 3. The CollN team will utilize the online data platform in order to track mental health services and improve quality services and access to care

### Quality Improvement CoIIN

- School Mental Health Profile via the <u>SHAPE</u> <u>system</u>
- Number of unduplicated students who received at least one school mental health service last year (~400)
- Number of unduplicated who received at least one substance abuse service last year (~25)
- Number of unduplicated students who had one school mental health/substance abuse contact within 7 days of identification (~350)
- Number of out of district placements (~50)
- Number of inpatient psychiatric hospitalizations (~25)
- School Climate Surveys: 1250-students, o-parents, 99-school staff

### Quality Improvement CoIIN

- Focus Areas:
- Needs Assessment and Resource
   Mapping
- Data Driven Decision Making
- Teaming
- Evidenced-Based Services and

Supports

- Evidenced-Based Implementation
- Screening



	+	PDSA WORKSHEET				
		Full facility name:	Proviso East Hig	gh School	Date of test: 10/14/15	Test Completion Date: 10/30/15
PDSA	Plan Do Act Study	Overall organization/project AIM: 80% of students in tier 2 and tier 3 interventions will make academic and psychosocial progress				
		What is the objective of the test? Identify students who are receiving mental health and substance abuse services (tier 2 school database.				nd substance abuse services (tier 2 & 3) by coding them in the
in Action	PLAN:         Briefly describe the test:       SW will label each student T2 (mental health) and T3 (substance abuse) for each student that she sees over the next two weeks in PowerSchool         How will you know that the change is an improvement?       IT will be able to run a query to identify the number of students who were seen for mental health and substance abuse services during the two-week time frame.			nool query to identify	DO: Test the changes. Was the cycle carried out as planned? School administration approved the test and the SW on our team began labeling her interventions with the students. The team decided to enter mental health as T2 and substance abuse/use as T3. The SW has been in touch with the IT department and requested her numbers based on these two categories from 10/14/15-10/30/15.	
Action	What driver does the change impact? Data driven decision making				What did you observe that was not part of our plan? SW immediately began using the system and found that almost all of her contacts with students were for mental health reasons.	
	What do you predict will happen? We will be able to accurately identify students who have accessed mental health and substance abuse services at both Tier 2 and Tier 3. PLAN				STUDY: Did the results match your predictions?	
	List the tasks necessary to complete this test (what)	Person responsible (who)	When	Where		to your previous performance: ing this data in any other way (outside of log entries) that were not
	1. Identify code to use to track MH/SA services	Lisa DiSilvio Addie Van Zwoll	Now	At the conference	identifiable. What did you learn? Using the T2 and T3 codes will help us gain a better idea of the mental health	
	2. Inform Team Lead and building admin of the plan to 'test' label services	Lisa DiSilvio Addie Van Zwoll	10/14/15	Proviso East	and substance abuse issues in our school	
	3. Inform Carol (SW) of new documentation codes	Lisa DiSilvio Addie Van Zwoll	After admin approval	Proviso East	ACT: Decide to Abandon, Ad Abandon: Discard thi	lapt, Adopt s change idea and try a different one.
	4. SW to start using T2 and T3 codes	Carol Murchison	After admin approval	Proviso East		change and continue testing. ill change in your next PDSA
	<ol> <li>IT to pull report for the last two weeks</li> <li>Plan for collection of data: We will collect da number of students receiving mental health</li> </ol>			Proviso East	Adopt: Select chang plan and plan for sus	es to implement on a larger scale and develop an implementation tainabilitywe have determined that this is an effective way to . We will slowly expand starting with the 2 other social workers,

Be Here Behave & Perform  MISSION: to establish universal expectations school wide and to create a culture of enthusiasm and integrity





## Be Here



- We are expecting you to achieve over 90% attendance. The more you are in school and succeeding, the higher the likelihood of you going to college.
- Higher attendance is directly correlated to better grades and higher school performance.
- Being punctual is a best practice and good habit to build dependability and trust from your community.
- Being present also requires for you to be ready for class with the proper tools such as paper, pens, uniform, and other requirements to ensure your success.

### Behave



- You have to demonstrate your bearing and integrity: you should constantly monitor your character and strive to be your best at all times, and respect yourself enough represent your family, your self, and community.
- Show tact when making decisions about character and consequences.
- Think about your actions and the results they may yield. Good character and obeying school rules will lead to your success, breaking rules, and consistently making counterproductive decisions will lead to failure.
- Concentrate on excelling in class rather than causing disruptions, be unselfish by not taking away time from your peers.

# Perform



- Show courage by trying to achieve the highest possible outcome in tests, challenges, performances, and life.
- Show endurance by not giving up when work or tasks become difficult, quitting shows weakness!
- Show initiative by helping others in their time of need, and try your best at all you do.
- Demonstrate to yourself and your peers that you can produce the best work in all your assignments.

What does this look like in YOUR School?





 Modeled after <u>student Lunch Bunch</u> Program: program to provide an opportunity for students to talk about their health and enjoy new and fresh foods

- Staff Wellness Survey in November 2015
- Supported by CVS/School Based Health Alliance, EverThrive Illinois, & American Psychiatric Foundation

Teacher Lunch Bunch Sessions

Year 1

- Crisis Intervention & De-escalation
   Techniques
- Stress: Interventions for You & Your
   Students
- Classroom Management Part 1
- Classroom Management Part 2
- Typical or Troubled

Year 2

- Stress & Healthy Eating
- Trauma Informed Practices in Schools
- Starting 2016 Out Right: Tips on Keeping Your Stress Under Control
- 1 Minute Interventions and Mediation/Relaxation Techniques
- Finish Strong: Stress Management Tips for the End of the Year

#### Stress Management

Teacher at the beginning of the school year

Teacher at the end of the school year

- Stress Self Assessment (<u>American</u> <u>Institute of Stress</u>)
- Keeping Calm
- Learning to Relax

# Stress Management

- Responding to 'backtalk'
  - How to make stress your friend (<u>Ted</u>
     <u>Talk</u>)
- Recognizing stress in students

• What is trauma?

- Effects on students?
- Types of Traumatic Stress

Trauma-Informed Schools

- Local examples: <u>Illinois Council Against</u> <u>Handgun Violence</u>
- Trauma Sensitive Schools

• What about your school!?

Traumatic Exposure & Classroom Manifestations

#### **Re-Experiencing**

- Fatigue
- Sleepiness
- Trouble concentrating
- Tearfulness
- Decline in academic performance

#### Avoidance

- Creating distractions
- Absenteeism
- Resistance to talking about incident
- Resistance to going certain places

Signs & Symptoms

#### Hyper-arousal

- Easily startled
- Strong reactions to small things
- Somatic complaints (headaches, stomachaches)

#### Negative Alterations in Cognition

- Social withdrawal
- Moodiness and irritability
- Look emotionless or numb
- Negative about self or future

Identifying Mental Health Issues

- American Psychiatric Foundation—*Typical or Troubled Program*
- Collaboration with NAMI—Ending the Silence Program for students



#### ACTIVITY



https://www.mindtools.com/pages/article/newCT\_91.htm

#### Questions?

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