



Welcome to the last of our four-part 2012 series, "Erasing Barriers to Learning" by the West Virginia Expanded School Mental Health Initiative—a partnership between the WV Department of Education, WV Department of Health & Human Resources, parents and professionals.

Video Clip of the Month

West Virginia Educators Speak About Mental Health – Part 5

Just One Student...

An elementary school counselor from Wheeling discusses the impact of expanded school mental health services on one young student (1 minutes, 52 seconds).

Part 5 of 5 clips produced by the West Virginia Expanded School Mental Health Initiative

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Registration closes June 1 for the 2012 KidStrong Conference, June 13-14 in Charleston, WV.

Visit the Office of Healthy Schools web page for more information and to register:

<http://wvde.state.wv.us/healthyschools/>

The West Virginia Department of Education-Office of Healthy Schools, Marshall University School Health Technical Assistance Center, West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, and the West Virginia Immunization Network have combined various summer conferences and workshops that have previously been held separately into one statewide conference again. The conference will address the health and safety of students in three tracks: instruction, service delivery (school health including

immunizations) and school climate.

Registration deadline is June 1, 2012.

West Virginia Foundation of Learning Supports - Featured Toolkits for May:

[Toolkit # 7: Family Engagement](#)

Strong parental involvement with schools is associated with academic achievement, regardless of socio-economic status or parent education. [Click here to learn about practices that promote family engagement at the school level.](#)

[Toolkit #8: Staff Development](#)

The new **West Virginia Department of Education Policy 4373** includes requirements for technical assistance, training and staff development on topics related to mental health, school climate and social-emotional learning. [Review a list of recommended topics, and locate West Virginia and general staff development resources for your school.](#)

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“Expanded school mental health” refers to programs that build on core services typically provided by schools. Expanded School Mental Health is a framework that:

- *includes the full continuum of prevention, early intervention and treatment*
- *serves all students*
- *emphasizes shared responsibility between schools, mental health service providers and other community partners*

We hope you have enjoyed our 2012 e-newsletter series, and look forward to hearing from you - if you have questions or comments, email us at info@wvshtac.org.

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