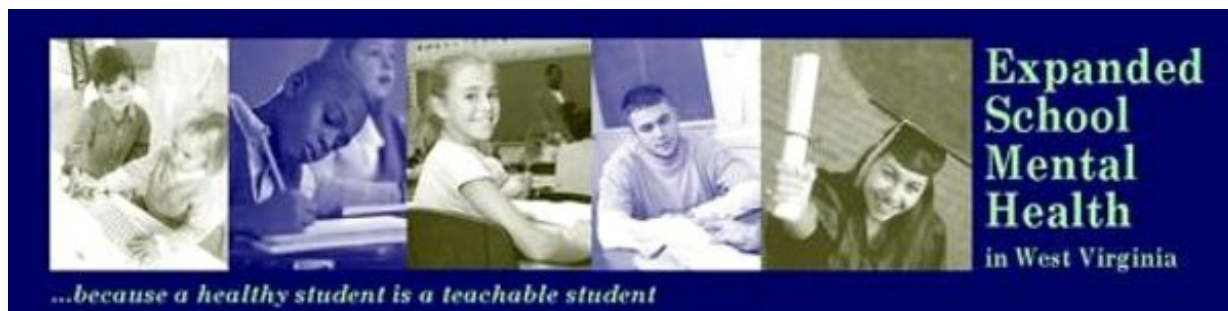


Erasing Barriers to Learning

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Welcome to the first monthly issue of "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.

[Toolkit #1: How is your school infrastructure?&a](#)

The district leadership, school leadership team—and most crucially, the school principal—can build a comprehensive foundation to support achievement by all students, with a few principles and structures...

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A SCHOOL-WIDE FOUNDATION OF LEARNING SUPPORTS:

"An infrastructure of policies, staff and management that articulates, supports and sustains a comprehensive school mental health model."

West Virginia Expanded School Mental Health Steering Team, 2011

[Read the full article...](#)

Check Out [Toolkit #2: Positive Behavior Support](#)

A variety of school-wide programs address behavior and social skills. How does your school stack up?

Video Clip of the Month



Statewide Perspectives on mental health and school success, featuring representatives from the WV Department of Education, Office of Healthy Schools and Office of School Improvement.

[View the 3-minute video...](#)

“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 and other community partners*
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