

How much concern is there about the impact mental health issues are having at schools?

A recent report states that

>71 % of Superintendents

>62% of Educators

>54% of Parents

say they are concerned about the impact mental health issues are having at schools*.

And a recent GAO report states “that, like U.S. public school students, DODEA students have experienced increasing mental health concerns in recent years. Per GAO analysis, DODEA schools assessed one in 50 students for suicide risk in each of school years 2022–23 and 2023–24 in response to an identified mental health concern. In all 27 DODEA schools GAO visited worldwide, school leaders described more frequent and acute concerns (see figure in the report).**

So the long-standing question remains: ***What is the school’s role in addressing this concern?***

The following briefs provide a perspective on this.

>"Schools and Mental Health: A Position Statement" <https://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/pdfdocs/fall2021.pdf>

>"Embedding Mental Health into a Learning Supports Component: An Essential Step for the Field to Take Now"

<https://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/pdfdocs/embeddingmh.pdf>

>"Time for Straight Talk about Mental Health Services and MH in Schools"

<https://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/pdfdocs/mhinschools.pdf>

>"Building on MTSS to Enhance How Schools Address Barriers to Learning"

<https://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/pdfdocs/BuildMTSS.pdf>

>"Student/Learning Supports: A Brief Guide for Moving in New Directions"

<https://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/pdfdocs/briefguide.pdf>

For those who are ready to embed mental health into a transformed system of student/learning supports, we can help. Contact: Ltaylor@ucla.edu

Looking forward to hearing from you!

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**The Ripple Effect: The Impact of Untreated Mental Health on School Performance and Educator Retention*
<https://www.edweek.org/products/whitepaper/the-ripple-effect-the-impact-of-untreated-mental-health-on-school-performance-and-educator-retention>

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