

NATIONAL CENTER FOR SAFE SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS WEBSITE RESOURCES

A list of resources related to school climate and promoting trauma-sensitive supports

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INTRODUCTION

[The National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments](#) (NCSSLE) is a training and technical assistance (TTA) center funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Healthy Students to help address the many factors that result in disciplinary problems and affect conditions for learning, such as bullying, harassment, violence, and substance abuse. Due to the growing concern over school climate, civil unrest, and exposed risks of traumatic incidents, NCSSLE has developed and disseminated a number of materials related to these topics.

Key Resource: The *Building Trauma-Informed Communities for Youth Webinar* provides a learning event where participants had an opportunity to learn how trauma affects youth and gain insight into trauma-sensitive approaches to ensure all young people can reach their full potential. Topics discussed during this learning event included:

- Types and prevalence of trauma among youth
- Impact of trauma on youth, families, community providers, and educators
- Core principles of instilling a trauma-informed approach across youth serving systems.

Check it out by visiting the NCSSLE website and typing in *Building Trauma-Informed Communities for Youth* in the search section on the home page or visiting <https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/events/webinar/building-trauma-informed-communities-youth!>

CONSOLIDATED LIST OF NCSSLE RESOURCES ON IMPROVING SCHOOL CLIMATE AND TRAUMA-SENSITIVE APPROACHES

Products

Quick Guide on Making School Climate Improvements	
Link	https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/resources/quick-guide-making-school-climate-improvements
Organization	NCSSLE
Year of Publication	2016
Description	Provides the basics on how to initiate, implement, and sustain school climate improvements. Specifically, it explains how making school climate improvements involves 5 sets of activities-- planning; engaging stakeholders; collecting, analyzing and reporting school climate data; identifying and implementing interventions; and monitoring and evaluation-- and then provides for each activity set guidance on why each is important, what are the key things to do, what it looks like when it is all done well, and what to avoid and potential pitfalls.
Focus population(s)	School teams and school districts
Audience	School and district administrators; teachers

Training and Toolkits

Safe Place to Learn	
Link	https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/safe-place-to-learn-k12
Organization	NCSSLE
Year of Publication	2016
Description	Provides a range of materials to support school efforts to prevent and eliminate peer-to-peer sexual harassment and sexual violence. It is designed to help establish and maintain a safe, supportive learning environment and mitigate factors that interfere with learning.
Focus population(s)	K-12 students who have been victims of sexual harassment and sexual violence
Audience	School counselors; Teachers; School and district administrators

Webinars

Trauma-Sensitive Schools	
Link	https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/events/webinar/trauma-sensitive-schools
Organization	NCSSLE
Event date	2016
Description	Provides practical guidance, examples, and resources that can be applied regardless of their current stage in integrating trauma informed practice. The webinar includes a mix of presenters including a technical assistance specialist and current practitioners; opportunities for discussion with presenters and peers; and activities to explore practical application of what is presented and discussed.
Focus population(s)	K-12 students
Audience	School counselors; School and district administrators

Trauma-Informed Practices in School Discipline	
Link	https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/events/webinar/trauma-informed-practices-school-discipline
Organization	NCSSLE
Event date	2013
Description	Provides the knowledge that school, district, and court staff, law enforcement and legal personnel, youth, families, and other community stakeholders need to better understand the impact of exposure to trauma on youth behavior, how some discipline responses can traumatize or re-traumatize youth, and trauma-informed alternatives. Additionally, this learning event touches on the behavioral impact of trauma on youth with disabilities.
Focus population(s)	K-12 students; students involved in the justice system
Audience	School counselors; Law enforcement; School and district administrators

Webpages

Response and Resiliency	
Link	https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/hot-topics/response-and-resiliency
Organization	NCSSLE
Event date	2013
Description	Organizes a compilation of federal and federally vetted resources that pertain to trauma-sensitive practices in schools. The resources are arranged into three categories—Prevention, Recovery, and Resiliency. Each category has its own webpage that can be navigated to from the Response Resiliency page.
Focus population(s)	K-12 students
Audience	School counselors; School and district administrators

Responding to Trauma in K-12 Schools	
Link	https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/hot-topics/responding-trauma-k-12-schools
Organization	NCSSLE
Event date	2013
Description	Presents research and background information on trauma-informed care and how it relates to the nation's schools. The webpage also lists out the different resources available on the NCSSLE site that pertain to trauma-informed care and trauma-sensitive practices.
Focus population(s)	K-12 students
Audience	School counselors; School and district administrators