Enhancing the well-being of youth: Rationale, preliminary results, and policy implications from growing interdisciplinary rural school mental health collaborative

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Evolution of a Partnership
Weekly Interdisciplinary Staffing
Building Safe Communities

• Multiple levels
  – Increased monitoring
  – Consultation
  – Violence and suicide risk assessments
  – Coordinated safety plans
  – Multi-layered accountability
  – Law enforcement integrated
Humane Communities

• Caring about children and families
• No hidden agenda
• Reduce stigma
• Reduce barriers to access (e.g., transportation, financial constraints)
• Getting the necessary stakeholders involved
Responsive Communities

• Go to where the youth are
• Reach out
• Provide access to resources
• Focus on issues that have mental health implications
  – Academic success
  – School connectedness
• Accelerate, expedite access to resources
Future Directions

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