## Each Mind Matters Webinar for Educators June 23, 2020

## Mental Health Strategies to Support Students







### **Housekeeping Items**

- This Zoom webinar call is being recorded.
- Type questions using the Chat feature and they will be answered during the Q&A section.
- A link to the recorded webinar and presentation slides will be made available after this webinar.



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## X Today's Objectives



- Provide an overview of how COVID-19 has caused trauma for school-age children and how to identify trauma symptoms
- Review Each Mind Matters resources for educators and self-care tips
- Share case study presented by Sacramento City Unified School District

• Q&A

### $\boldsymbol{\hat{X}}$ Each Mind Matters and Our Initiatives





California's Mental Health Movement

Each Mind Matters is California's Mental Health Movement. We are millions of individuals and thousands of organizations working to advance mental health.





Movimiento de Salud Mental de California







El Sufrimiento No Siempre Se Nota **RECON LAS SEÑALES** El Suicidio Es Prevenible

### Learn more at www.EachMindMatters.org

## **%** Walk In Our Shoes



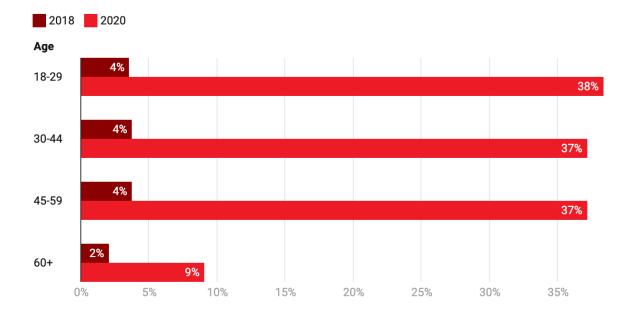


### View Scarlett's Story Here: https://walkinourshoes.org/our-stories/scarlett



### COVID-19 Trauma and School-age Children

### **X** Impact Of Traumatic Events On Mental Health



Living with children under 18

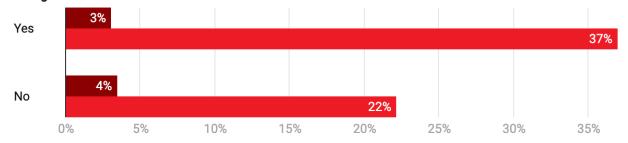
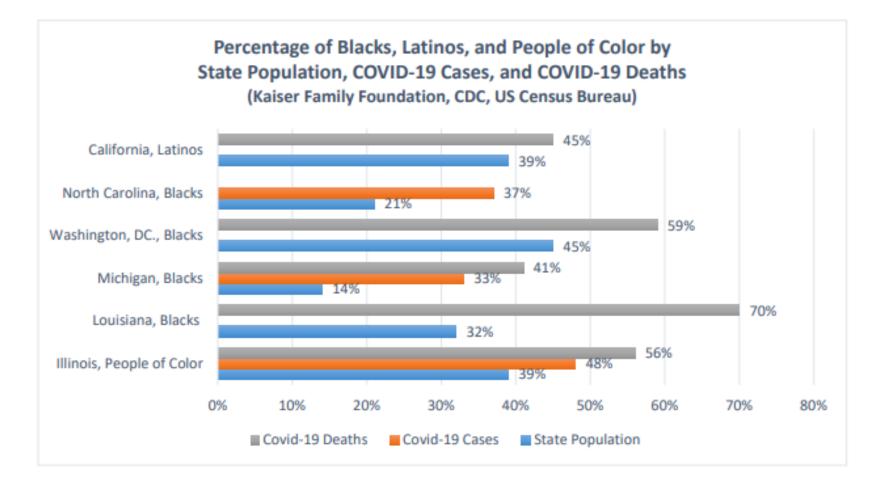


Chart: Elijah Wolfson for TIME •

Source: 2018: 2018 National Health Interview Survey; 2020: Luc.id/San Diego State University • Created with Datawrapper

### Racial and Ethnic Disparities



Source: <u>Double Jeopardy:</u> COVID-19 and Behavioral Health Disparities for Black and Latino Communities in the U.S.

## **X** Toxic Stress

#### **POSITIVE STRESS**

Mild/moderate and shortlived stress response necessary for healthy development

#### **TOLERABLE STRESS**

More severe stress response but limited in duration which allows for recovery

#### **TOXIC STRESS**

Extreme, frequent, or extended activation of the body's stress response without the buffering presence of a supportive adult

Intense, prolonged, repeated and unaddressed

Social-emotional buffering, parental resilience, early detection, and/or effective intervention

### **X** Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

## WHAT ARE ACES? AND HOW DO THEY RELATE TO TOXIC STRESS?

"ACEs" stands for "Adverse Childhood Experiences." These experiences can include things like physical and emotional abuse, neglect, caregiver mental illness, and household violence.



The more ACEs a child experiences, the more likely he or she is to suffer from things like heart disease and diabetes, poor academic achievement, and substance abuse later in life.

## $\hat{\mathbf{X}}$ Suicide Prevention Programs

**Know The Signs** campaign engages Californians to learn how to recognize warning signs, to talk to someone at risk, and to find local resources.

| Leading Cause of Death in the United States (2017)<br>Data Courtesy of CDC |                                    |                                   |                                   |                                   |                                   |                                   |                                    |
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|  | Select Age Groups                  |                                   |                                   |                                   |                                   |                                   |                                    |
| Rank   | 10-14                              | 15-24                             | 25-34                             | 35-44                             | 45-54                             | 55-64                             | All Ages                           |
| 1  | Unintentional<br>Injury<br>860     | Unintentional<br>Injury<br>13,441 | Unintentional<br>Injury<br>25,669 | Unintentional<br>Injury<br>22,828 | Malignant<br>Neoplasms<br>39,266  | Malignant<br>Neoplasms<br>114,810 | Heart<br>Disease<br>647,457        |
| 2  | Suicide<br>517                     | Suicide<br>6,252                  | Suicide<br>7,948                  | Malignant<br>Neoplasms<br>10,900  | Heart<br>Disease<br>32,658        | Heart<br>Disease<br>80,102        | Malignant<br>Neoplasms<br>599,108  |
| 3  | Malignant<br>Neoplasms<br>437      | Homicide<br>4,905                 | Homicide<br>5,488                 | Heart<br>Disease<br>10,401        | Unintentional<br>Injury<br>24,461 | Unintentional<br>Injury<br>23,408 | Unintentional<br>Injury<br>169,936 |
| 4  | Congenital<br>Abnormalities<br>191 | Malignant<br>Neoplasms<br>1,374   | Heart<br>Disease<br>3,681         | Suicide<br>7,335                  | Suicide<br>8,561                  | CLRD<br>18,667                    | CLRD<br>160,201                    |

## **X** Toxic Stress and Trauma During COVID-19

- Loss of loved ones
- Increase in domestic violence/abuse
- Financial hardship
- Stressed or unavailable parents/adults
- Illness/hospital stays
- Separation from friends
- Loss of routine
- Food scarcity
- Isolation
- Lack of physical exercise, light, nature
- Disruption to developmental needs
- Substance use or mental health challenges
- Missing out on celebrations, milestones

## $m{\hat{\chi}}$ The Importance of Social Emotional Training

### **Key Trauma-informed SEL Practices**





Create predictable routines

Build strong & supportive relationships



Empower students' agency



Support the development of self-regulation skills



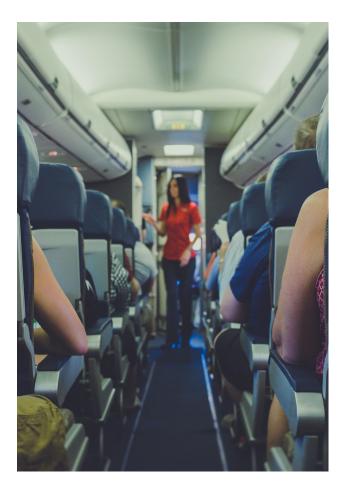
Provide opportunities to explore individual and community identities



## & The Need for Self-care

Teachers are working in the midst of a pandemic, racial oppression, civil unrest, traumatic events in personal lives, and uncertain/constantly changing work environments.

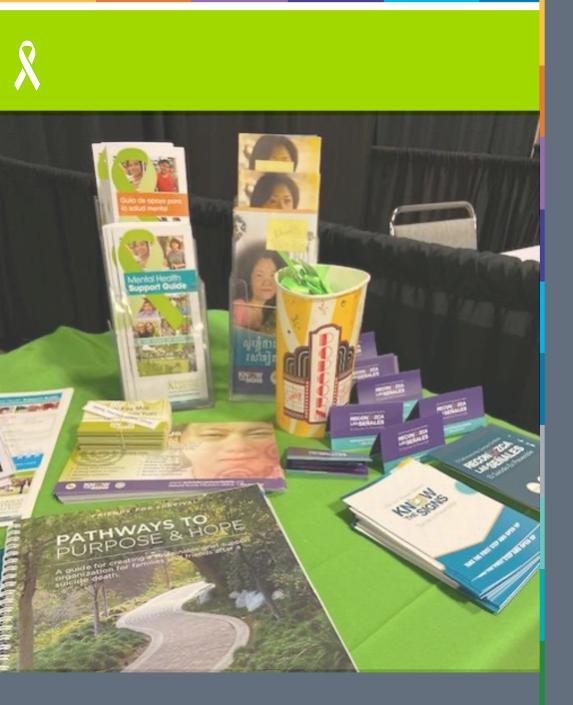
Working with individuals who have experienced a traumatic event can make someone more susceptible to secondary traumatic stress.



## **X** Secondary Traumatic Stress

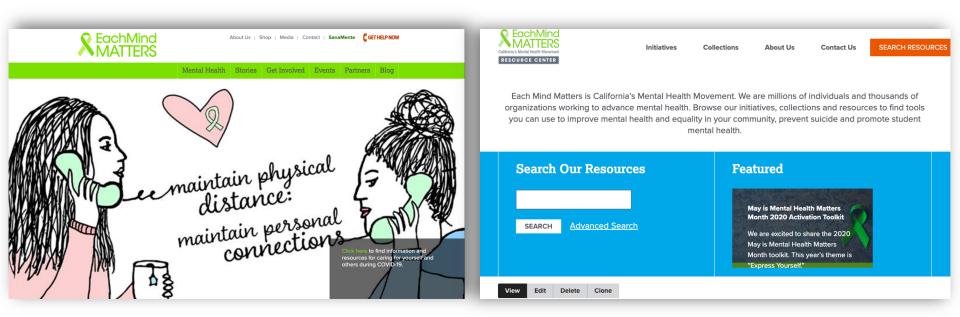
Symptoms can include:

- withdrawing from friends and family
- feeling inexplicably irritable, angry, or numb
- inability to focus
- blaming others
- feeling hopeless, isolated, guilty about not doing enough
- struggling to concentrate
- being unable to sleep
- overeating or not eating enough
- continually and persistently worrying about students, even outside of school.



Each Mind Matters Resources for Educators & Selfcare Tips

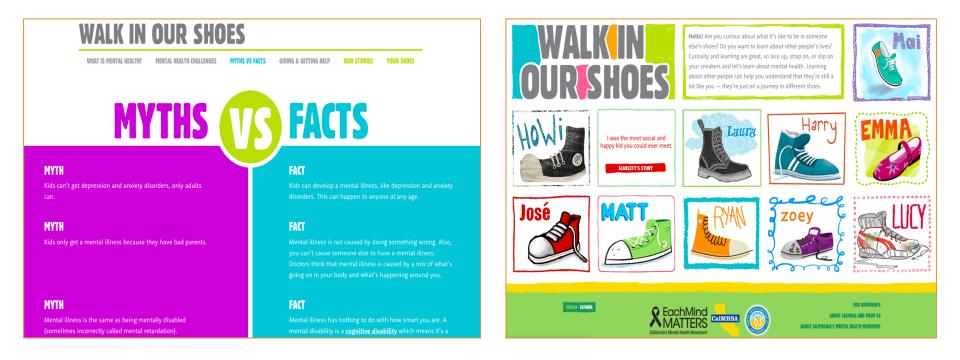
## $\boldsymbol{\hat{X}}$ Each Mind Matters Websites



### www.EachMindMatters.org

### www.EMMResourceCenter.org

## **%** Walk In Our Shoes



www.WalkInOurShoes.org www.PonteEnMisZapatos.org



The Directing Change Program is an evaluated education program that can easily be integrated into classroom, club, or extracurricular activities.

- By category
- By diverse community
- By county
- View and download: Vimeo

### www.DirectingChangeCA.org/films

#### **Circling Stigma**

Marin County, Navato High School Students in a support group discuss the stigma surrounding mental illness. https://youtu.be/Ch3rcFDUgKk

#### More Than a Mental Illness

Sonoma County, Montgomery High School A film that reminds youth that you are not defined by your mental illness and encourages standing up for those experiencing a mental health challenge. https://youtu.be/pTGfxF63kaw



#### If We All Speak Loud Enough

Orange County, Canyon High School This creative film highlights how speaking up helps to end the silence on mental illness and reduce stigma. https://youtu.be/8TirhNtBuvg

#### Real Life Super Hero

Del Norte County, Redwood Voice This inspiring film teaches youth that anyone can be a super hero by supporting a friend experiencing a mental health challenge. https://youtu.be/kMbFbg4yXHE

#### Naivete

Orange County, Canyon High School This clever film discusses societal stigmas associated with mental illness and why no one should be treated differently. https://youtu.be/iBw1uQP2YYQ



### Mental Health Activities: Grades K-12 & Colleges

#### EachMind MATTERS

#### Mental Health Short Video Activity

This activity is designed to increase students' mental health awareness and empower them to seek help if needed. The following films are short, 60-second public service announcements created by youth through Directing Change, a program that supports statewide efforts to prevent suicide, reduce stigma and discrimination related to mental illness and to promote the mental health and wellness of students.

To get started, choose **ONE** short film from the list below. Watch the film together and then have a dialogue about what they saw, learned and felt when watching the film about mental health. Discussion questions to facilitate dialogue have been provided below. Choose a different short film and repeat. Compare the two films and have a dialogue to determine if this has helped them better understand mental health.

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- More Than a Mental Illness A film that reminds youth that you are not defined by your mental illness and encourages standing up for those experiencing a mental health challenge. <u>https://youtu.be/pTGfxF63kaw</u>
- Not Alone With the help of his basketball team, an African American youth is reminded of his own strength, that he is not alone, and that there is help. <u>https://youtu.be/R8G\_FxZOwLM</u>
- Friend in Need Chinese with English captions. A story of how friends can show support to those who are experiencing a mental health challenge and a ren there, no matter the circumstance. <u>https://youtu.be/mH40P3763</u>

A New Tomorrow - When one friend begins showing warning sign notices and seeks the help of a school counselor. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFFICUNbQ8</u>

#### Inside Out:

#### https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azZJ29kQ1cY

Length: 95 min. (PG)

Riley is an 11-year-old who has felt a lot of Joy in her life until her family moves away from their hometown. Riley's emotions are characters who reveal the Sadness, Anger, Fear, and Disgust that she sometimes feels as she grieves the life she knew before and struggles to adapt to the new life she must come to know.

#### The Perks of Being a Wallflower:

https://www.amazon.com/Perks-Being-Wallflower-Logan-Lerman/dp/B00AVTMB41

#### Length: 103 min. (PG-13)

Reeling from the loss of his best friend, introverted high school freshman, Charlie (Logan Lerman) is taken under the wings of two seniors, free-spirited Sam (Emma Watson) and her gregarious stepbrother, Patrick (Ezra Miller). Together, they welcome Charlie to a world of friendship, joy, and love.

## $\hat{\mathbf{X}}$ May is Mental Health Matters Month

### Social Media Activity

### Gardening Activity





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Sidewalk Art



### Wall Art Installation

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## LGBTQ+ Youth & Young Adults

### Latinx LGBTQ+ Immigrant You **Provider Fact Sheet**



#### Why focus on Latinx LGBTQ+ **Immigrant Youth?**

Addressing unique challenges faced by immigrant youth who identify as LGBTQ+ can create better outcomes and enhance overall mental health and well-being. Complexities are added with the intersection of ethnicity, immigration status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. It compounds the challenges around personal acceptance, family acceptance, and societal stigmas. Having family with undocumented or mixed immigration status also comes with unique struggles, including navigating various government systems and institutions, forcing LGBTQ+ youth to make difficult choices between their well-being and that of their family.



Find and download the bilingual Latinx LGBTO+1 Youth Fact Sheet found in the EMM Resource C fact sheet was created as a resource for service nonprofit staff, community-based organizations, professionals and anyone interested in learning n introduces the unique challenges faced by Latin immigrant youth, and relevant resources and be in serving this population within a culturally respi framework. Content includes:

- Key terms for providers working with Latinx LGBTQ + Youth
- Immigration System
- Crisis Intervention & Suicidality



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## X Know the Signs - Suicide Prevention

A wide range of mental health and suicide prevention educational resources are available for diverse communities across the lifespan:

- African American Lao
- API youth
- Armenian
- Chinese
- Farsi
- General public
- Hmong
- In crisis
- Khmer
- Korean

- Latinx/Hispanic
- LGBTQ
- Middle-aged men
- Native families
- Punjabi
- Tagalog
  - Vietnamese
- Russian

www.suicideispreventable.org www.elsuicidioesprevenible.org



### Suicide Prevention Activation Kit 2020

### Hope, Resilience & Recovery

Suicide Prevention Week: September 6-12, 2020 World Suicide Prevention Day: September 10 National Recovery Month: September

Suicide Prevention Kit 2020

#### **Overview and Activity Guide**

This year, in support of National Suicide Prevention Awareness Week, World Suicide Prevention Day and National Recovery Month, all held in September, we are encouraging a special focus on the intersection between suicide prevention, alcohol and drug use and efforts that foster resilience and recovery. This activity guide is intended to help organizations across California with planning and implementation of Suicide Prevention Week activities. For additional support and questions, please email info@suicideispreventable.org

2020 Suicide Prevention Kit: www.eachmindmatters.org/spw2020/

#### Preparation: August 1st – September 6th, 2020

- Review suicide prevention data for your county and highlight local prevention efforts such as calls to your local crisis line, awareness walks and gatekeeper trainings.
- Beview the suicide prevention materials available from the Know the Signs suicide
- prevention campaign on on the EMMResourceCenter.org.
- Custornize the proclamation template.
- Familiarize yourself with guidelines for effective messaging around suicide prevention and share with others as well as your local media.
- Encourage your local media to report on suicide prevention and recovery efforts that are taking place in your county.
- The 2020 Suicide Prevention Kit theme is Hope, Resilience and Recovery. Reserve an hour on your calendar to download and read the talkings points and data briefings provided in the kit.
- Share resources with your public information officer and discuss ways to promote Suicide Prevention Week and Recovery Month.
- Schedule social media posts.
- Schedule virtual events.
- Customize daily TA emails.

### The online activation kit includes:

- Virtual Activity Guide
- Proclamation template
- Social media posts
- Suicide Prevention Week poster
- Digital banners
- Drop-in articles
- Daily email blasts
- Links to helpful resources & messaging
- Know the Signs link to resources
- Suicide Prevention 101 slides
- COVID-19 mental health resources

### www.eachmindmatters.org/SPW2020/



## **X** Suicide Prevention Activities

### 🔰 Virtual Trivia 🛛 🕺

Trivia is a recognized social game in which teams are asked questions about different topics and they have to get as many correct answers and points as possible. Utilize this trivia game as part of events, parties or with a group of friends and family virtually!

What's in the Game:

#### What You'll Need:

Instructions
 Trivia PowerPoint

- Download Zoom or other video conferencing platform
- 1 2 people to act as the Trivia Judge and/or Score Keeper
- Piece of paper and writing utensil to keep track of each person's score
- Timer or clock to keep track of the time between questions
- Optional) Prize for the winner

#### How to Play:

- The Trivia Judge, will need to be the host or presenter of the meeting, as they will be in charge of moving the Trivia PowerPoint along, and reading off questions and answers.
- To keep score, the Trivia Judge and/or Score Keeper (if you have one) will write out each participant name onto a piece of paper. Each trivia question that is read, has a corresponding number that denotes how many points that question is worth (e.g. 100, 200, 300, 400 and so on).
- The Trivia Judge will need to have the Trivia PowerPoint up on the first slide and share their screen with participants. The Trivia Judge will read through slides 1 – 3, which go over the instructions, rules and technical pointers.
- When ready, the Trivia Judge will set their timer or clock to 60 seconds and read off the first question on slide 4, participants will have 60 seconds to submit their answers in a private chat message to either the Trivia Judge or the Score Keeper.
- Once the time has passed, the Trivia Judge will call TIME, at this point all participants must have submitted their answers via private chat to either the Trivia Judge or Score Keeper. The Trivia Judge will read off the question one more time, along with the answer and description.
- Before moving on to the next question, the Trivia Judge or the Score Keeper will record each participant's score on their piece of paper.

#### Game Rules:

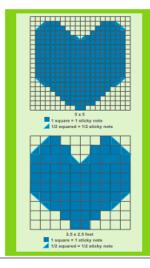
- Participants must type their answers in a private message to whoever has been designated to keep score, either the Trivia Judge or the Score Keeper, do not call out answers.
- Participants have 60 seconds to come up with their answer.
- Participants are only allowed to submit one answer response, or for the questions that ask for three or four answers, three or four answer responses. Submitting more than the asked for answer responses or providing general descriptions will be scored as incorrect.
- > You are not allowed to utilize your cellphones, computers, or tablets.

Hope, Resilience & Recovery

#### - Heart Wall Installation

September holds National Suicide Prevention Awareness Week, as well as National Recovery Month – a time for individuals, organizations and communities to join their voices to broadcast the message that suicide can be prevented and recovery is possible. As part of the many activities taking place this month, we are encouraging everyone to show their support by sharing their own stories and resources. Together we can find hope, resilience and recovery.

A fun and meaningful way to create awareness is to write messages of support that when assembled together, create the shape of a heart.





#### Follow these steps to form the heart:

- To start, find a wall space that is at least five feet wide by five feet high. A painted wall is the best surface. Using the gridine templetes here, place light blue, purple or line green sticky notes onto the wall, arranged in the shape of a heart. Use the grids pictured above to form a 2.5 x 2.5 feet or 5x5 foot heart wall installation or visit the website below to download the templates.
- Respond to one of the prompts below by writing or drawing on one of the sticky notes. Read and be inspired by what others have written as well.
  - Leave a positive message to brighten someone's day.
  - What is the best thing someone could say to you when you need support?
  - Why is it important to speak openly about Suicide Prevention and Recovery?
  - What is one thing that is most important to you and worth living for?
- To share your creation and inspire others to reduce stigma and learn about suicide prevention, snap a photo and upload it to social media. Don't forget to tag@EachMindMatters on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook and use #EachMindMatters.
- Visit <u>www.eachmindmatters.org/get-involved/spread-the-word/</u> for more ways to get involved in Suicide Prevention.

### www.eachmindmatters.org/SPW2020/

## X Self-Care Tips & Resources

*"During times of change and uncertainty it is ever"* more important to incorporate self-care and structure into your schedule. And while your typical self-care routine may no longer be available, there are ways to stay healthy and remain connected. Every day take a moment (or more) to take care of yourself."

This resource is available in the following languages:

- Armenian
- Khmer
- Arabic

- Korean
- Chinese
- Farsi
- Hmong
- Punjabi
- Russian

- Lao
- Spanish
- Tagalog
  - Vietnamese



### **X** Additional Self-Care Tips & Resources

### **The National Child Traumatic Stress Network**

• Taking Care of Yourself

https://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/resources/factsheet/taking\_care\_of\_yourself.pdf

 Coping in Hard Times: Fact Sheet for School Staff

https://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/resources/factsheet/coping\_in\_hard\_times\_school\_staff.pdf

 Trauma – Tips for Educators <u>http://tsaforschools.org/\_static/tsa/uploads/files/self-carenctsn.pdf</u>





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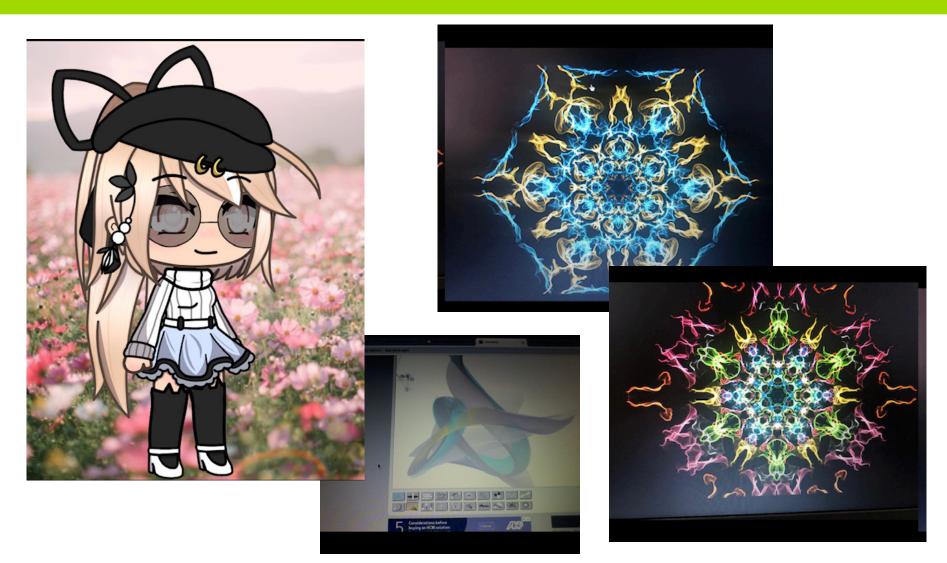
## **X** Supporting the Well-Being of Community Members

### SCUSD Virtual Calming Room www.calmingroom.scusd.edu



Sounds & Music - Guided Mediations - Visual Relaxation -Support Yoga - Live Animal Cameras - Coloring & Creativity – Mindfulness – Exercise - Smartphone Apps - Puzzles & Games - SCUSD Resources

## **X** Virtual Calming Room – Sharing Creativity



## **Wellness Warmline**

- Single phone number to reach a number of support providers
- Live-answer
- 9-3pm daily
- Staff are able to answer remotely
- Responsive & supportive listening

### Wellness Warmline **(916) 643-2333**

#### Available Monday through Friday, 9am-3pm

SCUSD Student Support & Health Services' "Wellness Warmline" is staffed with caring and compassionate people who can help answer questions.

Our Wellness Warmline is able to provide information and resources during the COVID -19 school closures. Families and students can speak to a live staff member on the Resource Line at (916) 643-2333 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

If you receive our voicemail message, please leave a message about your need and how to contact you and we will get back to you as soon as possible. If you have a medical or psychiatric emergency, please call 9-1-1.

#### Support for **Foster Youth**

Our Foster Youth Services staff is available to answer questions related to community resources, immediate enrollment for students, and any other school services for foster youth and resource parents.

We have created a program designed to serve the unique educational, social and emotional needs of children in foster care by building assets that make them resilient and ultimately successful.

Our Student Support staff are available to consult with students and families in answering questions or assisting with accessing resources in support of mental health and well-being. We are also here to assist families with connecting to a wide array of community resources.

#### Well-being & **Mental Health**

Sacramento City

Department

Student Support Socramento & Health Services City Unified School District

#### **Health Care &** Information

District School Nurses are available to answer questions about student health during this COVID-19 pandemic. We will assist families in accessing immunizations that are required for school, as well as helping connect Warmline callers to a wide variety of community resources including medical, vision, dental health care and

Our Homeless Services staff are available to answer questions related to the enrollment, attendance and achievement of students and families experiencing homelessness to ensure they receive equal access to educational opportunities. Staff are able to assist families with navigating educational needs and providing linkages to community resources.

> **Support for Youth** Experiencing Homelessness

> > www.scusd.edu/sshs

## $\hat{X}$ May is Mental Health Month

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School District

### #StayHomeSaveLivesBeWell Celebrate May is Mental Health Month!



### Need to talk? You are not alone!

If you or someone you know is struggling, help is available 24/7:

- The Source: Call or Text 916-SUPPORT (916-787-7678)
- Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741-741
- Suicide Prevention Hotline: Call (916) 368-3111

### ¿Necesitas hablar? iNo estas solo!

Si usted o alguien que conoce tiene dificultades, hay ayuda disponible las 24 horas, los 7 días de la semana:

- The Source: Llama o envía un mensaje de texto a 916-787-7678
- Línea directa de prevención de suicidios: Llama al 1-888-628-9454

## $\hat{X}$ SEL Lessons During Distance Learning



#### Indoor Scavenger Hunt

How many of these items can you find around the house?



- Class discussion express feelings
- Ex: What do you do when you are happy?
- As students hare feeling have them color in a letter.
- By the end all the letters are colored in!



Mindfulness Sitting Frog – calming class ending <u>https://www.yo</u> <u>utube.com/wat</u> <u>ch?v=EOckRq</u> bCdG0

## **X** Sign Up for Our Newsletters!

### **Each Mind Matters Newsletter**

The Each Mind Matters Newsletter is a monthly newsletter created for anyone interested in supporting the mental health movement in California. Each edition includes a recap of the top headlines in mental health and a wealth of resources to help spread the word about mental health.

Subscribe here: http://www.eachmindmatters.org/get-involved/subscribe/

### **Insider Newsletter**

The Each Mind Matters Insider Newsletter is a monthly newsletter created specifically for service providers. It includes information about relevant resources, upcoming events, and opportunities for providers to get involved in California's Mental Health Movement.

Subscribe here: http://emmresourcecenter.org/subscribe-newsletter

### **X** Stay Connected on Social Media

### **Each Mind Matters Social Media Channels**

Campaign Hashtags: #EachMindMatters #SanaMente

Twitter:

- Instagram: Instagram.com/EachMindMatters
- Facebook:Facebook.com/EachMindMatters
  - @EachMindMatters









For additional support and technical assistance, please contact Emily Bender: Emily@TheSocialChangery.com

Thank you for joining us!

