

AN INVITATION

Healing-Centered Engagement

Learn more about a new pilot program to help NJ schools address adversity and trauma

NJPSA/FEA invites all public school superintendents, school and teacher leaders, and family/community organizations to attend an Information Session on February 4 to learn about an exciting and innovative initiative.

In partnership with over 100 education and community leaders across the state, the NJPSA/FEA-led team has researched and designed a school framework to address adult and student Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and trauma through a Healing-Centered Engagement Model.

ACEs are stressful or traumatic events which affect children's brain architecture and can have negative, lifelong effects on health and well-being. Across New Jersey, **more than 40% of children have experienced at least one ACE** and **nearly one in five children have faced multiple ACEs**. Students experiencing multiple ACEs are at higher risk of poor school attendance, behavioral issues, and failure to meet grade-level standards in mathematics, reading, or writing.



Vision for Healing-Centered Engagement in NJ Schools

- Educators use strengths-based approaches to respond to stressors and support healing from trauma
- Improved coordination with existing social emotional supports and community resources and programs

Selected Offerings for Pilot Schools

- Train **trusted messengers** to serve as local champions for the work
- Offer **training and coaching** for administrators, teachers and staff
- Offer **Mental Health First Aid instructor training** to selected nurses, counselors and staff at each site
- Provide complementary opportunities for **parent training and engagement**
- **Integrate with existing resources**, such as School Climate Teams, Preschool Intervention and Referral Teams (PIRTs), Resiliency Teams, and Intervention & Referral Services
- Offer recommendations for **social support and referrals for mental health services as needed**
- **Evaluate the impact** of the pilot initiative

Join us on February 4, 2021 to learn about a new 25-school pilot initiative to implement this Model through the remaining months of the 2020–2021 school year.

The pilot will offer training on ACEs, trauma, healing-centered approaches and Mental Health First Aid to a diverse cohort of 25 schools, reaching teachers, administrators, staff and families across regions and grade-levels.

All aspects of the pilot initiative, including training and coaching, will be provided free-of-charge as a result of the generosity of the listed organizations.

9AM – 10:30AM Session Registration

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3PM - 4:30PM Session Registration

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Both free sessions will include the same content.



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