

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Educating the Whole Child



School Social Work

The Vital Link

K-12 Standards, Curriculum, and Instruction

September 1, 2020



Registration is Now Open

SIS & NC Healthy Schools fall webinars are coming up! Please visit the links below or <http://bit.ly/2020FallSeries> for more information and to register.

All of these webinars are 3:00 - 4:00 PM.

September 2nd- School Counseling Internships and Supervision During the Virtual World of COVID-19

-More information at <http://bit.ly/SCinternships>.

September 9th - Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child: Using Data to Drive Our Work

- More information at <https://bit.ly/2FKuzbs>

September 16th - Absenteeism in the COVID Era: What Can We Do?

- More information at <http://bit.ly/Attend100>

September 23rd - Teaching the Standards: CPR Instruction

- More information at <http://bit.ly/CPRInstruct>

September 30th - Let's Get Physical: Building Comprehensive School Physical Activity Programs

- More information at <https://bit.ly/31pCFyF>

October 7th - Healthy Active Children Policy: Updates and Requirements for the New Year

- More information at <https://bit.ly/2Qllmsd>

2019 Youth Behavior Risk Survey

RESPONSES FROM NC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

*ALL QUESTIONS ASKED DURING LAST 12 MONTHS AS A TIME REFERENCE

Approximately 1 in 3 students reported feeling sad or hopeless almost every day for ≥ 2 weeks in a row



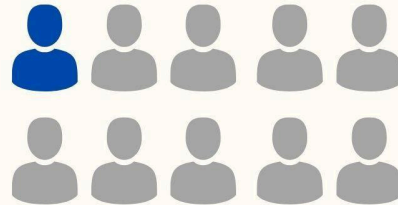
Approximately 1 in 5 students reported they had seriously considered attempting suicide



Approximately 1 in 6 students reported they made a plan about how they would attempt suicide



Approximately 1 in 10 students reported they attempted suicide one or more times



September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

North Carolina has new [YRBS data](#) on youth suicide and the numbers are alarming.

#BeThe1To is the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline's message for [National Suicide Prevention Month](#) and beyond, which helps spread the word about actions we can all take to prevent suicide. The Lifeline network and its partners are working to change the conversation from suicide to suicide prevention, to actions that can promote healing, help and give hope.

Navigating during this pandemic has been tough and there are some people who have struggled more than others. As school social workers, we are in the best position to promote wellness and prevention.

Important Forward

To maximize it's spread, the following article is being shared that was published by the State School Counseling Consultant, Cynthia Floyd.

Can Social Workers and School Counselors Be Employed in Each Other's Positions?

No. School counselors are not licensed to be employed and serve as school social workers and school social workers are not licensed to be employed and serve as school counselors. These positions are not any more interchangeable than, for example, having either of them employed and serve as the school nurse. The following are some of the issues with a school social worker serving as a school counselor in a school counselor position or a school counselor serving as a school social worker in a school social work position:

- School social workers and school counselors are not licensed to practice in one another's positions. Doing so could result in NC DPI revoking their license.
- The training and educational requirements to be licensed as a school counselor are very different from those of a school social worker. They are not trained to perform one another's job responsibilities.
- Since they are not trained and licensed in one another's responsibilities, school social workers and school counselors practicing outside of their licensure areas violates ethical practice which also jeopardizes their licenses.
- Having school social workers and school counselors practice outside of their licensure areas places the school district and the school personnel at risk of liability.
- Utilizing a school social worker as a school counselor in schools and vice versa, yet reporting them to DPI as functioning in their licensed areas is a deliberate misrepresentation of use of budget allocation of tax dollars.
- Most importantly, utilizing a school social worker as a school counselor in schools and vice versa deprives students and staff of the appropriate services of which school social workers and school counselors are trained and licensed to provide and creates a situation in which services provided could unintentionally cause harm.

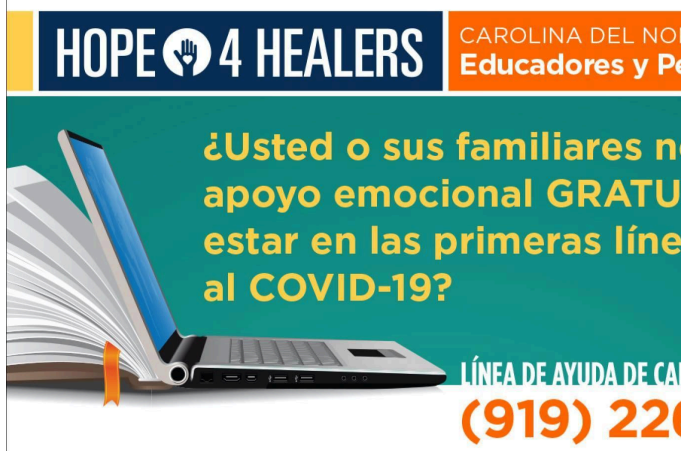
Although there are typically some limited similarities in the training different specialized instructional support personnel receive, each primarily receives very

different training to serve in their specified different disciplines and have separate licenses for practice.



Hope4Healers

NCDHHS is expanding the Hope4Healers Helpline (919-226-2002) to serve North Carolina's teachers, school personnel and their families.



With schools opening in-person and remotely across the state under new health and safety procedures, NCDHHS and the NC Psychological Foundation can provide these personnel with mental health and resilience supports through Hope4Healers.

Hope4Healers is available 24 hours per day, seven days a week. Find more information [here](#).

NCHEP Announcement

New Homeless Liaison Virtual Training

September 10, 2020

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

NCHEP will be conducting New Homeless Liaison training virtually on September 10, 2020. Those who are new homeless liaisons with two years' or less experience for their LEA or charter school and who did not attend the new homeless liaison training held for LEAs or charter schools during the 2019-2020SY should participate in this professional development opportunity.

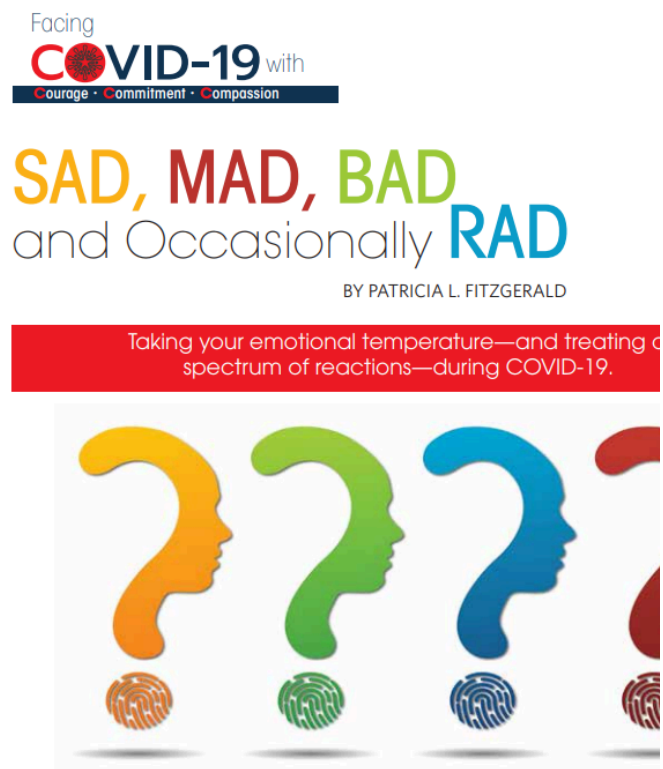
**[Register for the New
Homeless Liaison Virtual
Training.](#)**

Please visit the [NCHEP NHLCT web page](#) for further details.

Self-Care Check

[This resource](#) tackles taking your emotional temperature—and treating a spectrum of reactions—during COVID-19.

It is published by the School Nutrition Association and JTM Food Group. Explore the umbrellas of emotions and see suggestions for each one to improve our overall wellness.



Resource Highlight

[Questions to Help Assess Needs and Safety Within the Home](#) is a document published by the Ohio Education Department that helps with considerations and conversations during remote learning and virtual check-ins.

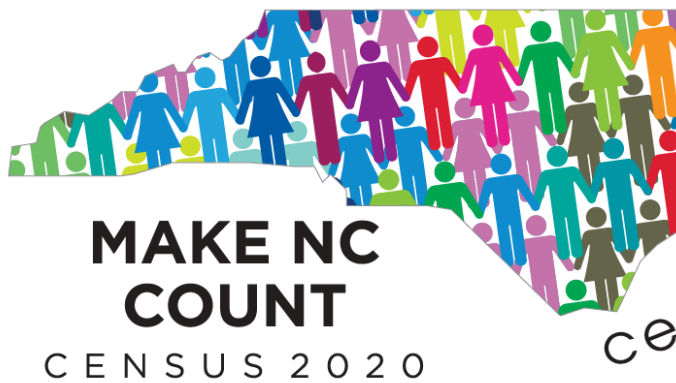
[Notice. Talk. Act.[™] @ School](#) is being adapted to allow school staff to continue supporting students who are learning remotely. This allows you to NOTICE when a student is moving away from their typical behavior and showing disruptive or withdrawn behaviors. Check in on students to those who may be struggling.

COVID-19 and Impacts on Human Trafficking

[Survivors of human trafficking](#) are often survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

- Since the onset of COVID-19, reports of domestic and sexual violence increased in [Charlotte](#), [Chapel Hill](#), [High Point](#), [Guilford County](#), and [Robeson County](#).
- For the [first month](#) in the [National Sexual Assault Hotline](#)'s history, minors under the age of 18 accounted for half of all contacts (online contacts too) with the hotline in March 2020. [Calls to the hotline](#) from minors were 22% higher than previous months.
- In May and June of 2020, [half of the contacts initiated online](#) to the National Sexual Assault Hotline were from minors under the age of 18.

[The Human Trafficking Program](#) of the [NC Council for Women and Youth Involvement](#) published this information.



The 2020 Census

NC is still under-counted for the US Census. That means we stand to lose millions in funding for our communities. We simply cannot afford to do that. Help spread the word and GET IT DONE FOR NC!

my2020census.gov

The US Census is a social work issue.

NC SEL Update

Please see the message below from the NC SEL Implementation Team. We are excited to share the current edition of the [North Carolina SEL Newsletter](#). In this issue,

- NC SEL Implementation Update to State Board of Education
- Summer & Fall 2020 Released Resources
- NC SEL Implementation Update
- Key NC SEL Resources
- SEL and Equity
- Important Dates

As we continue to implement social and emotional learning (SEL) across our state, the most common emotion shared around where we are heading is hopeful. We hope this edition finds you hopeful! Please distribute as you see fit.

Legislative Updates

Invited by the House Select Committee on Education, the NC SBE and NC DPI presented ["COVID-19 Priorities for the 20-21 Academic School Year"](#). Our most vital and important priority is to provide the tools and resources necessary to bring our

students, faculty, and staff back to our schools under safe and healthy circumstances, and until then, to support high quality remote instruction. This is our Constitutional duty to provide a “Sound and Basic Education” to each and every one of our students.

For more legislative news see the [August Legislative Update](#).

Professional Development Highlight

Trauma Basics for Youth Workers

[This is a FREE 2-hour/credit course](#) that overviews trauma-informed care; what trauma is, how it impacts learning and the brain, and the core aspect of trauma-informed care every youth worker should know: how to foster interpersonal safety.

Trauma-Informed Resilient Schools

[Trauma-Informed Resilient Schools](#) teaches school professionals how to create trauma-informed schools and classrooms. The training focuses on resilience, exploring the core values and beliefs of educators and places an emphasis on understanding how trauma impacts children and their school experience. This FREE course provides detailed information and concrete actions that answer not just the “why” but also the “how” to create the best classroom and school supports for traumatized students and the school professionals who serve them. Provides 6 hours.

SEL, Equity, and the Re-Opening Town Hall: Advancing A National Conversation for School Social Work

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2020
6-7 P.M. (CST)**

Facilitated by **Christy McCoy**, SSWAA President-Elect

Sheri Olson, SEL Workgroup Lead and **Dr. Stephanie Ochocki**, Midwest Representative, School Social Work Association of America (SSWAA)

Karen VanAusdal, Senior Director of Practice, The Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL)

Ami Flammini, Technical Assistance Director, Midwest PBIS Network

Dr. Kevin Tan, Assistant Professor, University of Illinois School of Social Work

Dr. Nicole Rummel, Director of Instruction, Mahomet-Seymour CUSD #3



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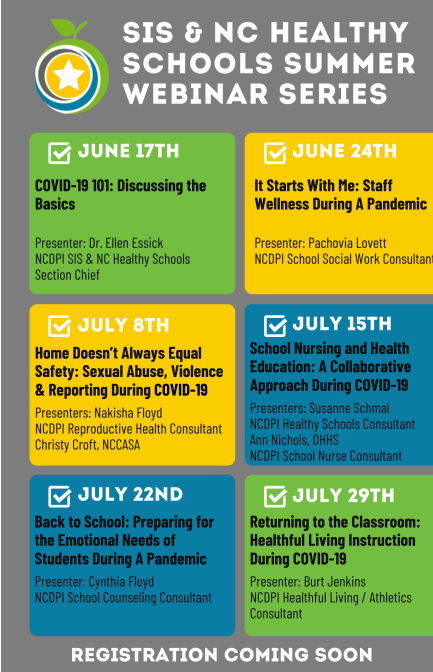


REGISTER: <https://socialwork.illinois.edu/sswaa-virtual-town-hall>

2020 SIS & NC Healthy Schools Summer Webinar Series- Recordings

The webinars are now complete but you can still access the recorded sessions and all resources on the [Healthy Schools Google Site](#).

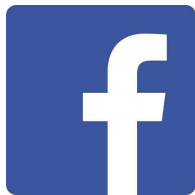
Thank you to all who participated in these webinars.



SIS & NC HEALTHY SCHOOLS SUMMER WEBINAR SERIES

✓ JUNE 17TH COVID-19 101: Discussing the Basics Presenter: Dr. Ellen Essick NCDPI SIS & NC Healthy Schools Section Chief	✓ JUNE 24TH It Starts With Me: Staff Wellness During A Pandemic Presenter: Pachovia Lovett NCDPI School Social Work Consultant
✓ JULY 8TH Home Doesn't Always Equal Safety: Sexual Abuse, Violence & Reporting During COVID-19 Presenters: Nakisha Floyd NCDPI Reproductive Health Consultant Christy Croft, NCCASA	✓ JULY 15TH School Nursing and Health Education: A Collaborative Approach During COVID-19 Presenters: Susanne Schmal NCDPI Healthy Schools Consultant Ann Nichols, DHHS NCDPI School Nurse Consultant
✓ JULY 22ND Back to School: Preparing for the Emotional Needs of Students During A Pandemic Presenter: Cynthia Floyd NCDPI School Counseling Consultant	✓ JULY 29TH Returning to the Classroom: Healthful Living Instruction During COVID-19 Presenter: Burt Jenkins NCDPI Healthful Living / Athletics Consultant

REGISTRATION COMING SOON



NC DPI School Social Work now has a Facebook page. Please like and share: <https://www.facebook.com/NCDPISSW/>

Join the School Social Work mailing list by clicking [HERE](#) and be sure to visit the NC [School Social Work Google Site](#) for additional information about the profession.