

# Importance and Benefits of Success Beyond Six Partnership Between Schools and Designated Agencies

## Capacity and Availability

- Schools and DAs partnering maximizes resources to help ensure availability of services
- Facilitates connectedness with the full range of resources, including care coordination, transportation, mobile crisis, and mental health supports in home and community

## Barriers and Needs

- Staffing shortages continue to impede availability.
- Services must be available when needed
- Competition between schools and DAs for the same limited pool of staff

## Quality

- Partnership allows both schools and DAs to focus on the areas in which they are experts
- Depth and quality of supervision of mental health services provided by DAs is something schools cannot do on their own
- DAs have mandated standards for training, treatment planning and documentation that do not exist in schools

## Barriers and Needs

- Simplification of administrative processes and documentation so staff can do what they do best: support kids

## High Quality Evidenced-Based Care for Students

## Benefits to Students

- Addressing kids' mental health needs allows them to focus on learning
- Partnership to maximize resources provides kids with the greatest possible range of services provided by staff with the most expertise
- Fosters social and emotional development and allows kids to build social connections, which prepares them for success into adulthood

## Barriers and Needs

- Many families require support in home and community as well as school to adequately meet kids' needs, so the conversation extends well beyond the walls of the school

## Cost Effectiveness

- Using Medicaid dollars through Success Beyond Six helps alleviate growing burden on taxpayers
- Allows schools to access services at roughly half the actual cost
- Frees up school budgets so dollars can be used to support academic success
- Early investment in child mental health results in significant cost savings over time

## Barriers and Needs

- Funding to keep up with inflation: DA provided services are more efficient because they leverage Medicaid dollars, but DAs struggle to maintain competitive salaries