

## Children's Mental Health Problems are Family Problems That Impact Home and School

Post-pandemic family life has been dramatically impacted by the perfect storm of <u>working parent</u> <u>burnout</u> in combination with our national <u>pediatric</u> <u>mental health crisis</u>. Children and teens are suffering from anxiety, depression, and suicide at <u>alarming rates</u>. Many are turning to schools to solve this national crisis while trying to fulfill their mission of educating this struggling generation of students. At the same time, parents are craving support and information to gain the confidence and clarity they need to help their kids. I would be a better working parent if I felt more about caring for my child(ren's) mental health.



<u>Mental Health concerns top the list of worries for parents</u>. Increasing the number of therapists, mental health assessment tools, and programs for children are incredibly important, however...

## The parent-child relationship is the most powerful mental health intervention known to humankind. - Bessel van der Kolk

Unfortunately, parents are often unsure what to do to protect their children's mental health and are underutilized during the treatment process. Parents may also be unclear about their role in their child's treatment. Parents may need support in coping with their own emotional responses to their child's mental health issues and may not recognize or deal with their own behavioral health problems. The best way to help children and teens mental health is to (1) assure that their home environment supports their well-being and (2) give their parents guidance, tools and strategies to create that positive home environment and navigate these uncharted waters.

The good news is that there are evidenced based solutions and support for parents and parents are looking for that help. Let's complete the missing link in pediatric mental health system by teaching parents how to **"Parent for Mental Wellbeing**." Peace At Home Parenting Solutions has created this interactive psychoeducational program for parents and caregivers, giving them the support to protect children and navigate their mental health journey. This comprehensive initiative is designed to empower parents with the knowledge and skills they need to better understand, communicate with and support their children dealing with mental health concerns, from protective everyday parent-child interactions to coping with self-harm and suicidal thoughts.

The **Peace At Home "Parenting for Mental Wellbeing"** program will help your School Mental Health Counselors do more with less. Peace At Home is a "Resource Room" for parents. Our on-demand, evidence-based resources will:

- Reduce parent dysfunction
- Strengthen parent-school partnerships
- Increase the number of parents your staff reach with far less stress

Parents who understand the brain-body connection are less stressed, so their kids are less stressed. That will mean your teachers are less stressed. We are the adjunct to your mental health counselor so they can focus more on the child, while we help parents gain the skills they need to effectively support children at home.

The **Peace At Home "Parenting for Mental Wellbeing"** program will help parents identify and apply practical strategies to create the nurturing relationship and "secure base" that protect children and teen's mental health and help kids cope when symptoms arise. **Participants in the Parent for Mental Wellbeing Program will be able to:** 

- Distinguish between children "giving us a hard time" and "having a hard time."
- Identify yellow and red flags related to children's mental health issues.
- Recognize ways parents try to help that actually reinforce children's symptoms.
- Apply self-regulation and co-regulation approaches that reduce stress and conflict.
- Apply connection and communication strategies that help children build confidence, optimism, and resilience.
- Recognize the ways parents' own childhoods may affect their thoughts and behaviors.
- Recognize the power of modeling good health habits, self-care and self-talk.

Peace At Home customizes the *Parent for Mental Wellbeing* program to meet your school's needs and includes the right combination of <u>live interactive workshops</u>, small group consulting sessions, <u>on-demand quick strategy filled libraries</u> and 1:1 consulting support by advanced degree specialists. Our resources also include evidence-based child development and parenting solutions from prenatal to young adulthood.

An amazing 97% of *Parent for Mental Wellbeing* workshop participants report that they feel more confident about their parenting skills and 99% will use what they learn to take action.

## Here's what participants have to say:

- Are my actions creating CALM or Stress? I will ask myself this with every interaction!
- Well organized presentation, offered a lot of recommendations that I could see myself using.
- Loved the list at the end of some quick, simple changes that can be made that are impactful.
- A wealth of useful information was shared. Lots for me to draw upon to help myself and my children to cope with the challenges of life, no matter what age. I will attend more sessions.
- This was an amazing session. Jam-packed with information...But I'm glad to know there are resources where we can sign up to take in some of this in bite size pieces.

## Bring Peace At Home to your schools now. Let's Talk