

STUDENT SUPPORT SERIES

Professional Learning for Youth Mental and Behavioral Health

The Connecticut State Department of Education, in collaboration with our partners at the Department of Children and Families, is excited to offer a free, monthly, professional learning series for schools on youth mental and behavioral health.

Participants will gain practical tools and strategies, explore new resources, and engage in meaningful discussions on how best to support the success and well-being of all students.

❄️ **December 2025
to February 2026** ❄️

Full descriptions of each webinar can be found by following the registration links.

All webinars will be recorded and available in the Student Support Playlist on the CSDE's [YouTube channel](#).

Pending approval, programs will be eligible for 1.5 Continuing Education Credit hours by NASW/CT and will meet the continuing education criteria for licensure renewal for social workers, professional counselors, and licensed psychologists.

Please contact [Kate Bohannon](#) with any questions.

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Schools as Essential Partners in Youth Substance Use Prevention **December 18, 2025, 9:00–10:30 a.m.**



Kelley Edwards, Behavioral Health Program Manager in the DMHAS Prevention and Health Promotion Division, will share current data and trends, including the prevalence and types of substances being used by Connecticut students and the potential impacts on academics and behaviors.

❄️ *This session has been approved for 1.5 Continuing Education Credits.*

Supporting Students Exposed to Intimate Partner Violence **January 15, 2026, 9:00–10:30 a.m.**

Join Susan Divietro, PhD, and Meghan Fish, MA, from the Injury Prevention Center at Connecticut Children's, to gain an understanding of how exposure to intimate partner violence (IPV) impacts youth across developmental stages, including the emotional, behavioral, and cognitive impacts of witnessing violence and how these experiences may present in the school setting.

❄️ *Registration link coming soon.*

Building Healthy Relationships: Recognizing and Responding to Teen Dating Violence **February 19, 2026, 9:00–10:30 a.m.**

Susan Divietro, PhD, and Meghan Fish, MA, from the Injury Prevention Center at Connecticut Children's, will explore the dynamics, warning signs, and impacts of teen dating violence, focusing on how power, control, and technology shape abusive behaviors in relationships. Participants will learn about factors that influence risk during the teen years and the short- and long-term consequences of dating abuse.

❄️ *Registration link coming soon.*