

PROJECT AWARE

The pilot communities for this grant are all a part of the Frontier Coalition: Humboldt, Lander, and Pershing County School Districts.

Purpose: The overall purpose of this project is to expand the capacity of the schools in our frontier districts, and in the Department of Education and the state of Nevada as a whole to make schools safer, improve school climate, and provide mental health prevention, access, and support to our students.

Goals: The goals, therefore, of this proposed project are three-fold: 1.) to provide a safe and respectful learning environment for all of our students, as indicated by improved school climates and the reduction of incidents of bullying in the schools; 2.) to promote the behavioral and mental health of our students through school based prevention, using a social and emotional learning curriculum, and early identification efforts, through training those that work with our youth in Youth Mental Health First Aid; and 3.) to build awareness, connection, and infrastructure across local and state entities that will allow us to increase access to school and community-based mental health services, through the forming of community and state management teams poised to write strategic plans. The overall vision therefore is that all schools will reduce bullying through PBIS and anti-bullying teacher training (as evidenced in discipline data). Students will have increased Social and Emotional Skills (as evidenced in increased scores on the SEL/Climate survey we plan to implement). People working with youth will recognize children with mental health issues because they are trained in Youth Mental Health First Aid, and students will have increased access to mental health support because strategic plans to that end are being written at the community and state levels.

SCHOOL CLIMATE TRANSFORMATION

The pilot communities for this grant are the Frontier Coalition, Douglas County School District, and Clark County School District.

Purpose: The overall purpose of this project is to build a statewide network of schools utilizing Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, and implementing it to fidelity.

Goals: The goal is to scale up a multi-tiered system of support that emphasizes the social, emotional, and behavioral skills and needs of students. We will partner with the State Technical Assistance Center of Nevada, housed at the University of Nevada, Reno, to begin building readiness and capacity to implement PBIS at pilot schools in each district first, with the intent to scale up to district-wide implementation at every school in the pilot district by the end of the grant period. (In Clark County we are scaling up to a zone, not the full district at this time.)