



# Connecting Social-Emotional and Mental Health Supports to the Opioid Epidemic

The Opioid Epidemic in West Virginia may be the worst crisis impacting our students in the state's history. It is fueling aggression and a feeling of hopelessness among our youth. In addressing these barriers to education among our students, the West Virginia Department of Education has created ReClaimWV, a collaborative initiative involving state agencies, higher education, and other organizations to provide various levels of support.

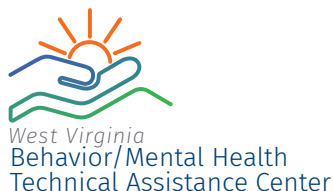
## Awareness • Prevention • Intervention

**Opioids and Substance Abuse • Trauma • Social-Emotional Mental Health**

**Students • Educators • Families • Communities**

### *ReClaimWV Supports Include:*

- Website with ReClaimWV Strategic Plan; Toolkit; Resource Booklet; information on trauma, mental health, and substance misuse; prevention and intervention strategies; local, state, national, and electronic resources; immediate help in crisis; and, portal for schools to request trainings in the areas of behavior, trauma-informed strategies, compassion fatigue, social-emotional learning, and mental health;
- Multi-partner collaborations to provide services, trainings, and resources to students, educators, families, and communities;
- Training for professional student support personnel identifying students in crisis, providing the appropriate supports, and locating age-appropriate services;
- Youth-to-youth peer networking to build peer resiliency and student leadership;
- Resources for developing lifelong, positive health practices;
- E-Learning opportunities; and
- Educators training and technical support through the WV Behavior/Mental Health Technical Assistance Center.



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