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West Virginia
Behavior/Mental Health
Technical Assistance Center

Happenings

PBIS WEBINAR CONFERENCE

Each year, the WV Behavior/Mental Health Technical Assistance Center holds an annual PBIS Conference which is centered around the needs of students and school/district personnel. This year's theme was "Expanding PBIS: Turning Knowledge into Action."

It was with great disappointment that we were not able to hold this year's annual PBIS Conference at the Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center due to the global pandemic. As with the rest of the world, we were able to pull together a team and find a way to turn our knowledge into action by safely providing West Virginia educators and administrators the conference content through Zoom.

West Virginia is filled with so many talented and well-educated specialists in the field of education. We were excited to offer presenters the opportunity to focus on the progress being made in West Virginia schools and communities on a new platform.

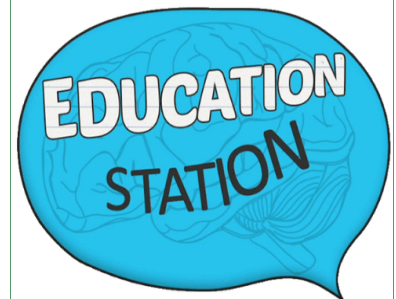
As a highlight, we were able to help attendees receive professional development credit and payment from their counties in addition to one participant using the Certificate of Attendance toward pursuit of their National Board certification. The WVBMH TAC is pleased that we can continue to make these webinars available to you on our new YouTube channel.

See the next page for information on accessing the webinars online.

**2020 WV PBIS Webinar Conference:
Turning Knowledge Into Action**



West Virginia
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Coronavirus 19 Information

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS

In April, the WVBMH TAC partnered with WVDE and WVPBS to provide educational videos for students and families as they navigated the world of remote learning.

TA center staff developed content to support parents with behavioral and social emotional strategies.

The videos, featured on WVPBS's *Education Station*, can be viewed [here](#).

PBIS CONFERENCE SESSIONS AND LINKS TO ACCESS CONTENT

Jim Harris, Ed.D., LICSW (Keynote Speaker)
Associate Director of the Autism Training Center
“More Than Posters & Parties –
Fidelity & Expansion with PBIS”

Michael J. Powell, MA, EDS, NCSP
Certified School Psychologist, Morgan County Schools
“Using PBIS to Enhance Learning”

Meredith Dailer, Principal
Wheeling Park High School
“Big Building, Big Problems, and Big Solutions”

Educational Managers from Kanawha County
“Implementing and Utilizing TPOT in Practice Based Coaching”

Jeannie Harrison, CEO
Karma Yoga Institute
“Yoga and Meditation for a Happy Classroom”

Lost Creek Elementary
“The Push of a Button: Using Class Dojo to Streamline School Data”

Jason Conaway, Ed.D., NCSP
West Virginia Department of Education
“Alternatives to Suspensions”

Clay County High School
“Packing 10 Pounds into a 5 Pound Bag”

JoDonna Burdoff, PBIS Coordinator
WVDE/ODTP
“Utilizing PBIS in High Schools and Alternative Settings with Older, Challenging Students”

Watch webinars on YouTube [here](#).

Access the webinar PowerPoints [here](#).

WVECPBIS WEBSITE RELAUNCH

Over the past several months, the WVECPBIS website has undergone a significant transformation. This site is now a one-stop shop with resources and information catered to educators, families, and coaches. Each stakeholder group has a dedicated page with carefully-selected and cultivated resources.

We also store resources developed by our team on the site.

Check out our new website by clicking [here](#)!

PUTTING IT TOGETHER: COACHING AND ECPBIS IN WEST VIRGINIA

On June 19th, eighty-three participants completed our first statewide Early Childhood Practice Based Coaching trainings. These sessions were facilitated over three separate Zoom meetings. Our Early Childhood Behavior Support Specialists, Jess George and Sara Smouse, along with our Early Childhood PBIS Coordinator, Dr. Amy Carlson, each presented a ninety-minute session covering coaching topics and guidance on how practitioners can use coaching to support implementation of the Early Childhood Pyramid Model in West Virginia.

With all of the COVID-19 restrictions, we find ourselves adapting in many ways. We also see this great flexibility and eagerness to “roll with it” from our stakeholders and coaches across the state. We wanted to take this opportunity to say, “Thank you!,” to all those who participated. We look forward to launching the expansion of ECPBIS in the coming months.





VIRTUAL TRAINING FOR YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TO BE OFFERED SOON

Youth Mental Health First Aid instructors recently began training to deliver Virtual YMHFA to school personnel in West Virginia. We will be rolling the new options out prior to the 2020-2021 school year.

There will be three options for delivering the training:

1. 6 1/2 hours face-to-face (the traditional method of delivery)
2. 2 hours of online content and 4-hour session with a trainer (face-to-face)
3. 2 hours of online content and 4-hour session with a trainer (virtual)

Option 3 will be available soon, and due to restrictions related to COVID-19, this is the best option currently.

For more information on Youth Mental Health First Aid training and certification, contact Dianna Bailey-Miller (baileymiller@marshall.edu).

CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION FROM WVDE

In order for administrators, educators, school personnel, and county leaders to stay up-to-date on developments specific to our state, the West Virginia Department of Education has designed a website with statewide updates and resources.

Visitors to the site will have access to a variety of resources including Updates on COVID-19, School Re-entry and Recovery Guidelines, and a Re-entry Toolkit.

Regarding the reopening of schools, W. Clayton Burch, State Superintendent of Schools, has stated, "Our efforts will continue as we work with our partners and counties to plan and execute a safe and efficient re-entry."

Access the website [here](#).



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The goal of the WVBMH TAC is to assist teachers, students, families, and communities that are faced with challenging behaviors and mental health issues through training, resources, and promotion of evidence-based strategies and interventions.



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