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Promoting Mental Health in Schools Ashley Mulkern, Special Education Teacher and Parent

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Project Background

• Maine CDC's Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Grant

Provide Behavioral Health Consultation

Training and Support to PCP / Schools

> Tier 1 Mental Health Interventions in Schools

Details of Project

- Pediatric Mental Health Provider database.
- ECHO Scope Sessions- Mental Health Promotion in the School Setting in Maine
- Partnership with MA School Mental Health Consortium (John Crocker)
- Comprehensive school mental health systems





U.S. children aged 2-8 have a mental, behavioral, and/or developmental disorder reported by parent Per CDC data

Universal Design / Tier 1 Approach

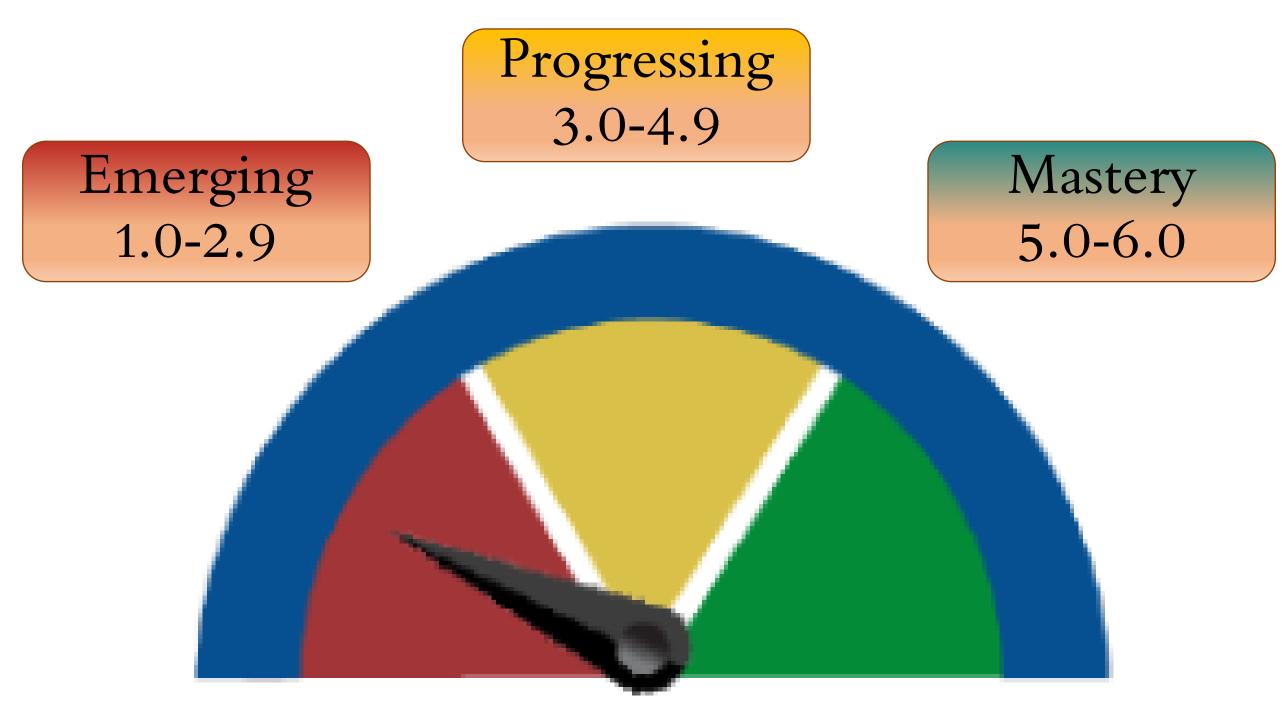
School Health Assessment and Performance Evaluation (SHAPE) System

- Developed by National Center for School Mental Health (NCSMH)
 - Strengthen policies and programs in school mental health
 - Improve learning outcomes

SHAPE System Domains	Descriptions
Teaming	* Multidisciplinary staff; students, families, staff, and community partners.
Need Assessment / Resource Mapping	 Identify gaps and strengths. Visual representation of information. Share information about services + supports.
Screening	 Universal assessment. Systematic tool/process.
Tier 1- Promotion of Service + Supports	 Meets needs of ALL students. Includes: staff well-being, school climate, promotion of positive behavior.
Tier 2 + 3 Early Intervention	 Tier 2: Students identified or at risk. Tier 3: * Students experiencing significant distress and functional impairment.
Funding / Sustainability	 Optimizing financial and non-financial assets. Maintain/improve mental health systems over time.
Impact	• Long-term effects/change.

Results and Coaching Review and reflect

- Identify priorities
- Document Action Steps



Next Steps

- Action steps
- Continued team reflection and coaching
- Universal screening
- Ongoing database management



References and Resources

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www.Masmhc.org

www.theshapesystem.com

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