

FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN PREVENTION-FOCUSED, INTEGRATED SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

SCIENTIFIC TALK & DISCUSSION

ABSTRACT

Rates of school mental health concerns have increased substantially over the last five years. Schools across the world are experiencing challenges in meeting rising student needs with few resources. This presentation will discuss an innovative model of integrated school mental health services that effectively matches school resources to the intensity and type of student need, with a specific focus on school and group-level support. Considerations for implementation barriers and facilitators, as well as data-based decision-making frameworks, will be discussed. The presentation will engage attendees with questions and answers on future opportunities in innovative school mental health models.

SPEAKER

Dr. Nate von der Embse is a Professor of School Psychology at the University of South Florida and co-executive director of the School Mental Health Collaborative, a national research and technical assistance center. His research improves educational decision-making by identifying the influence of external policies and contextual drivers while developing novel solutions to improve the use of preventative school mental health services. Dr. von der Embse is a primary and co-investigator on over \$30 million in federal and state funded research grants that address universal screening for behavioral and mental health, teacher stress and student test anxiety, and suicide and school violence prevention programming. He received the 2018 Lightner Witmer Award for early career scholarship from Division 16 of the American Psychological Association, is a co-developer of the SAEBRS screening tools that are used in all 50 states, and the author of the recent book, *Conducting Behavioral and Social-Emotional Assessments in MTSS: Screen to Intervene*.



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