Student Services
Roles and Communication

• School Counselors
• Social Workers
• Student Resource Officers
Questions for you to be asking yourself during our presentation.

- What is a Multidisciplinary Team?
- How do Student Service Providers address the whole child?
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Implementing a comprehensive School Counseling Program
- Preventative in design
- Promotes the Whole Child

Mindsets and Competencies:

- Academic and Learning Development
- Life and Career Development
- Multicultural and Global Citizenship Development
- Social and Emotional Development
Service Delivery:
Plan for College and Career Readiness process K-12
Collaborative Classroom Instruction
Implications of Research:
Access to a school counselor should not be an amenity reserved for students with privileged backgrounds. Research indicates regular access to a school counselor is a necessity, particularly for students most in need of intervention and support.

School Counseling Across the K–12 Pipeline
In a counselor’s perfect world you would be able to imagine a school system in which every student graduates ready for college and career. In this system, all students want to succeed, and they have the tools they need to achieve now and in the future.
Dropout Prevention With Social Emotional Supports

Address the immediate needs of all students through an education-oriented and programmatic approach.

Collaboration with existing school programs and coordination with family, school, and community resources.
How We Work Together Matters

When to include **School Social Workers:**

- Times of Transition
- Change in Trajectory
- Skill Building
- Times of Crisis
- Connection to Resource
- In School Support (check in/out)
Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES)
Trauma exposure among detained youth in Utah, N=1,363 (Kerig et al., 2012)
Advantageous Childhood Experiences

Counter-ACEs: A Different Kind of ACE
### BYU Counter-ACEs Study

When you were growing up, during your first 18 years of life...

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<td>Did you have at least one good friend?</td>
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<td>Did you have beliefs that gave you comfort?</td>
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<td>Did you like school?</td>
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<td>Did you have at least one teacher who cared about you?</td>
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<td>Did you have good neighbors?</td>
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<td>Was there an adult (not a parent/caregiver or the person from #1) who could provide you with support or advice?</td>
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<td>Did you have opportunities to have a good time?</td>
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<td>Did you like yourself or feel comfortable with yourself?</td>
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<td>Did you have a predictable home routine, like regular meals and a regular bedtime?</td>
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Social Workers Roles in Schools

- Supports and Promotes SEL
- Trained Mental Health Professionals
- Screening and Assessments
- Skill Building
- Member of the Multidisciplinary Team
- Advocate for System Improvements
- Focus on Social Determinants of Health/Mental Health
- Connect Students & Families to Community Resources
School Resource Officers

Depending upon the school level, district, and type (charter, private, public), the presence or lack thereof may differ.

- 34 out of 41 LEAs in Utah have at least one full-time SRO
- SROs may be assigned to High Schools, Middle Schools, or Elementary Schools
- Some SROs may be assigned to charter schools
- SROs typically not assigned to private schools; however, some private schools may have prevention programs taught by law enforcement officer
School Resource Officers

Roles and Responsibilities

It’s important to understand the role of a school resource officer goes far beyond merely being a police officer at the school. It should also be noted that SROs should not be involved in school discipline.

- Assists school administration in creating a safe and secure environment.
- Investigate criminal offenses on campus.
- Presence may deter crime.
- Can be used as a teacher/guest presenter.
- Can be used as an integral part of a school’s multidisciplinary team.
- Becomes a part of the school community.
- Provide security for special events and school sponsored activities outside of school hours.
The SRO, or another law enforcement officer, is involved in the resolution of school safety incidents.

*Collaboration with law enforcement has been showing an increase*

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Total Count 2019: 226
Total Count 2020: 465
Collaboration is happening more frequently in districts and charter schools.
As the school administrator, I feel that having an SRO at the school has the following impact on school climate.

*Overwhelming majority rank “positive” or “somewhat positive”*

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Total Count 2019: 225
Total Count 2020: 440
Collaboration

The SRO has many resources. Many have had lengthy careers in law enforcement and may have additional roles outside the school that can be used to improve school climate

- SROs may have involvement in local youth court
- SROs may be responsible for police explorer/cadets
- SROs may help coach athletic programs/be involved in driver education
- May have knowledge of area youth programs
Circling back to our questions

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