

Preparing for the Next Decade in Student Mental Health and Well-Being Support

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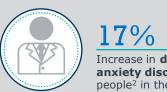
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Percentage of US Adolescents Reporting a Major Depressive Episode¹ in the Past Year

Adolescents aged 12-17, 2010-2018





17%
Increase in diagnosis of anxiety disorders in young people² in the last 10 years



32%

Of adolescents will meet criteria for an **anxiety disorder by the age of 18**

Sources: Bahrampour, Tara, "Mental health problems rise significantly among young Americans," The Washington Post, March 2019; "2017 Children's Mental Health Report: Anxiety and Depression in Adolescence," Child Mind Institute, Accessed 25 Oct. 2019; "2018 Children's Mental Health Report: Understanding Anxiety in Children and Teens," Child Mind Institute, Accessed 25 Oct. 2019; EAB interviews and analysis.

Characterized as suffering from depressed mood for two weeks or more, a loss
of interest or pleasure in everyday activities, accompanied by other symptoms
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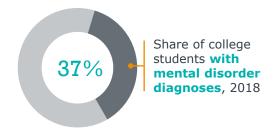
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Higher Education Grappled with Escalating Student Demand for Services



7x

Rate at which demand for counseling center appointments **outpaced enrollment growth**¹



9.3 FTE

Number of staff counseling centers gained for every 1 lost in 2017-18, up from 3.9 in 2014-15



Average wait time for an initial counseling appointment on campuses that have a waitlist, up from 12 days in 2014-15



We saw a substantial rise prior to COVID in the number of students coming forward and asking for mental health help. Despite increased funding for more treatment, our counseling center is still feeling overrun and understaffed."

Counseling Center Director Canadian University

Counseling center utilization increased 38.4% while enrollment increased by only 5.6% from 2009-2015.

Past EAB Research Addressed Growing Demand

But Current Factors Renew the Need to Prioritize Mental Health Strategy



2007Meeting the Mental Health Challenge on Campus



2017Meeting the Escalating Demand for Mental Health Services, BIT/CARE Team Trends Analysis



2019Expanding Well-Being
Initiatives Through Faculty
Partnerships
Establishing a Sustainable
Scope of Service



Today's PresentationPreparing for the Next
Decade in Student Mental
Health and Well-Being



2012Responding to Students of Concern



2018Developing Coping and Resilience Skills to Advance Student Success



2021Creating a Culture of Well-Being

Institutions Pivoted Mental Health Strategy in Response to Attention

Mental Health Took Center Stage across the Past Two Years



Did Covid Break Students' Mental Health?



College Students Suffering from Mental Health Issues at a Higher Pace During Pandemic



One-Third of Students Seek Counseling for Pandemic Effects



College Students Brace for the 'Second Curve' of COVID-19 - Its Mental Health Impact

Institutions Responded with New Approaches and Offerings



Adopted new technology platforms to enhance accessibility of support



Expanded programming to fit new virtual environments



Provided additional drop-in counseling opportunities



Implemented hybrid counseling to better meet student preferences



Created and facilitated more group therapy meetings



Invested in additional self-guided wellness resources

COVID Effect Still Not Fully Understood

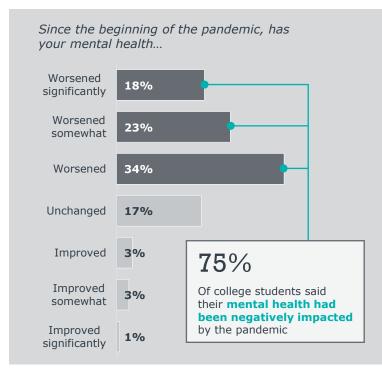
But Data Indicates Widespread Impact on Student Mental Health and Wellness

No One Immune to Emotional Impacts of COVID

Share of students surveyed who reported

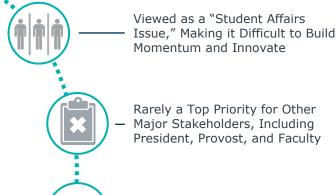






2020 Seen as Turning Point for Mental Health and Well-Being Awareness

Mental Health on Campus Pre-2020



Campus Misunderstanding Around Mental Health Initiatives and How to Get Involved

Limited Budget to Make New

Strategic Investments

New Landscape Invites Mental Health Conversation

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"The hopeful piece for me is it seems like we're at an inflection point...all of a sudden, it's OK to talk about mental health."

> Kelly Davis AVP Peer and Youth Advocacy Mental Health America



Bright Spotlight on Importance of Mental Health

Leaders More Frequently Consider Mental Health Concerns

Most Pressing Challenges Facing Presidents Due to COVID-19

ACE Survey of U.S. College & University Presidents, Feb. 2021

- Mental health of students
- Mental health of faculty and staff
- 3 Long-term financial viability
- Enrollment numbers for spring semester 2021
- 5 Racial equity issues

"Leaders are more vocal about mental health and well-being...at the President, Provost, and Board of Trustees levels, you hear about mental health daily."

> Dr. Renique Kersh VPSA, Simmons University

"My President and I now talk about my level of resources on a monthly basis."

Anthony Altieri VPSA, Lynn University

"It's not like that would be nice if we could do things, [mental health]'s really the most important thing to ensure success. If you're not helping students there, you're not helping the core mission."

> David Barnett Provost, Lakehead University

New Investments and Resources

Widespread Response to Mental Health Attention



SUNY Chancellor Announces \$24M Investment for New Mental Health Services



, UNC to Invest \$5 Million in Mental Health Care



U-M Joins U.S. Network of Health-Promoting Universities



CSU Board Sponsors Expanding Student Mental Health Services



Yale College Expands Mental Health Resources Amid Student Calls for Expanded Support



\$38M Set of Gifts from Ballmer Group to Address Behavioral Health Crisis Through UW-Led Programs



\$3M Equity Initiatives – Eliminating Student Debt & Enhancing Mental Health Support Using Federal Coronavirus Relief Funds



Of presidents indicated their budget to support mental health increased for the upcoming academic year

Source: RochesterFirst; University of Michigan Record; The College Post; The State Hornet; UW News; Yale News; Inside NKU; ACE Spring Term Survey of College and University Presidents Part II; University Business; EAB interviews and analysis.

Institution-Wide Efforts Grow

Rise of Institutional Collaboration on Mental Health and Wellness

Strategic Wellness Plans Unite Stakeholders across the Institution



Wellness Strategic Plan 2020-24



2020-2025 Our Trail to Wellness





CWO Role Is Dedicated to Unifying Mental Health Strategy



Chief Wellness Officer



Associate Dean of Health and Wellness



Vice Provost for Student Health & Well-Being



Assistant Vice President for Student Health & Well-Being

"[The Campus Wellness Committee]'s a **full range of folks** that are **engaged in this dialogue** and they're problem solving in real-time. We're beginning to **think differently about how we should operate in all departments**."

Marlene Tromp, President Boise State University

Thriving in a Competitive Enrollment Landscape

Growing Expectations Among Students and Families

"

A New Competitive Advantage

It's more and more common to hear parents and families asking about the availability of mental health and well-being resources on campus during the admissions process. This creates a lot of pressure to make sure we're prepared to answer those questions and provide support that will be compelling to students and their parents."

Dean of Students Private College

Institutions Rise to the Occasion



WVU's Long-Term Mental Health Clinic

Clinic Fills Gap for Long-Term Student Mental Health Needs



Baylor's Eating Recovery Center

Investments to Fight Eating Disorders Through Comprehensive Care Approach



Wake Forest's Well-Being Collaborative

Multidisciplinary, Multi-Institution Effort to Promote Lifelong Well-Being



Ryerson University's Thriving in Action Course

For-Credit, Research-Backed Course Offered to Target Student Resilience

Tremendous Opportunity to Prepare for the Next Decade



Putting Out Fires Trumped Strategic Vision

The pandemic brought so many new challenges to our campus, and I struggled. My whole office struggled. Student Affairs was being tasked with so many different, urgent things, I'm not sure we've ever been so busy. We were all hands on deck, in the weeds, all the time. There wasn't time to try to think beyond executing in the moment.

Vice President of Student Affairs Public Research University



Tackling Longer-Term Strategy and Opportunities

Never before in my career have I felt such an **opportunity for change**. My president and leadership have been so **supportive and attentive to student mental health during the pandemic**, in a way that I haven't experienced before. I'm witnessing an **appetite for investing in our students' mental health**, and it excites me. It would be a shame to not capitalize on this momentum.

Vice President of Student Affairs Regional Public University



Presentation Roadmap

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Modernize How Students Find and Use Best-Fit Resources 2





Elevate Mental
Health Access
Points Throughout
the Student
Experience

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Bring a DEIJ Lens to Campus Mental Health Support 4





Leverage Data to Demonstrate Impact and Make Strategic Investments



Modernize How Students Find and Use Best-Fit Resources

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"Just for Me" Experiences Are the Norm These Days

Expectations of Today's Consumer

Homepage personalized with targeted recommendations based on prior choices



Highly customizable made-to-order dining experiences





Order items online and have them **delivered anywhere**, **anytime**





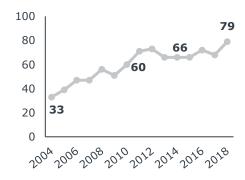
Boxes of products curated to personal tastes and preferences





Individuals Seek Out Personalization

Normalized Google Search Ranking of "For Me"



- What running shoes are best for me?
- Which **dog** is right for me?
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 - What is the best **haircut** for me?

Long List of Support Options Overwhelm and Confuse Students

University Well-Being Webpages Are a Start...

Nutrition **Emotional** Social Schedule a Watch a conflict Schedule a 1:1 counseling appt. resolution webinar consultation Register for a Find an affinity Check out our meditation workshop nutrition app group **Fitness** Intellectual **Fulfillment** Virtual fitness class Managing time while Discover vour learning from home strenaths sign-up The importance of Registering for a Meet with a career sleep 101 tutoring session counselor

...But We Must Do More to Help Students Connect Support



"Where do I start? There is so much and I don't know how to find what will work for me."



"I know I could use some support, but I'm not sure what. I need help deciding."



To Capture Gen Z Attention



Virtual Assistant Provides 24/7 Guided Discovery





Hi! My name is Navi, I'm a virtual agent here to help you find the mental health resources you need. Navi is an anonymous tool that provides you with info to navigate mental health resources and make decisions about seeking appropriate supports. If this is an emergency please contact 911.

Before we start can you tell me which campus you belong to so I can give you campus specific information?

St. George (UTSG)

Thanks for sharing with me that you are part of UTSG! How can I help you?

| <i>ያ</i> ነ | Here are some topics I can speak about. |
|---------------|---|
| | Select |
| | Anxiety |
| | Stress |
| | Mental Health |
| | Academic Support |
| _ | |

- Learn Tool Basics
 Understand how Navi can help
- 2 Select Your Campus

 Receive the most specific support
- 3 Describe Your Situation
 Use your own words to explain your needs, or select from a drop-down
- 4 Receive Personalized Recommendations

Get connected to institutional and community resources

Chatbot Fills Gaps and Complements Toronto's Support Options

25,000+

Conversations in first 8 months

3pm-12am

Most popular conversation times

Navi Helps with a Variety of Topics

Top 5 Requests Among Students Since Launch

- 1 Talk to Someone
- 2 Mental Health (General)
- 3 Stress
- 4 Time Management
- 5 Healthcare Access

Key Benefits



24/7 access fills support service gaps



Chat format mimics comfortable live conversation



Bolsters awareness and usage of other UT resources



Anonymous, stigmafree option



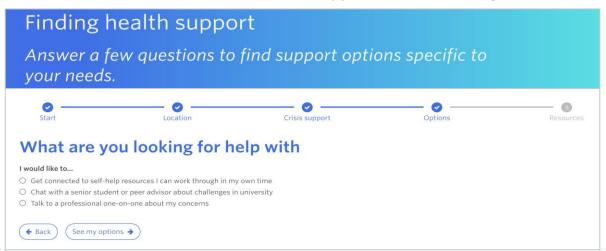
No limits on how many students can be served



Always improving based on feedback

Proactively Guide Students toward Their First Step

UBC's 4 Question Online Quiz Provides Approachable Starting Point



Students Using the Quiz to Find Support Resources

- Find options customized to them
 - Have autonomy to select their next individual step

- Receive a manageable list of resources
- Avoid confusion over international or provincial support restrictions

Make It Work on Your Campus:



Tailor help topic options to campus and community resources

Care Coordinators Develop Individualized Success Plans

A Streamlined Experience, from Intake to Follow-Up



Complete Intake Form

Student provides basic information so a Student Care Coordinator can prepare for their intake appointment



Build Success Plan with Student Care Coordinator

Based on student's needs and level of concern, the Coordinator helps develop a customized, goal-oriented **success plan** with clear next steps.



Access Success Plan Resources

The student accesses the resources or services outlined in their success plan.



Student Care Coordinator Follows Up

A Student Care Coordinator follows up with the student to ensure they are staying on track with their success plan.



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Illustrative Success Plan

Goal: Improve Emotional Wellness

Resources:

- Headspace
- Weekly Well-Being Practices
- GO THERE Campaign on Creating a Culture of Mental Health and Well-Being Openness

Next Steps:

- Attend the Keep Calm Under Pressure Workshop on 10/16
- Participate in the 3-Week Self-Compassion Workshop Beginning 10/25
- · Meet with a Healthiest You Counselor
- Schedule Follow-Up Meeting with Student Care Coordinator

Takeaways and Next Steps from This Section



Emerging Imperative

Ensure students have a structured pathway to and through resources so that they can quickly find best-fit resources that feel personalized to them



Get Started on Your Campus



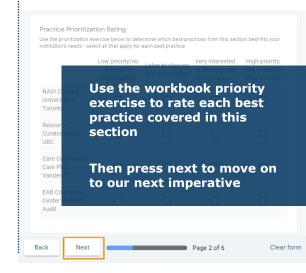
Request a counseling center website user experience audit by checking yes in the workbook or signing up on the EAB website



Meet with your team to discuss the best practices you rated as high priority in this section



Using the Workbook?:





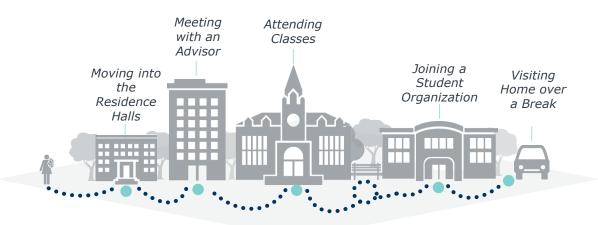
Elevate Mental Health Access Points throughout the Student Experience

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Common Student Experiences and Interactions...

...Are Often Unrealized Opportunities to Integrate Upstream Support



How Many of These Student Experiences Include a Proactive Well-Being Touchpoint?

We've Taken Steps in the Right Direction...

...But Current Student Needs Demand a Thorough Approach



Syllabus statements remind students of available well-being resources



Res Life staff host wellbeing focused programs in the residence halls



Scheduled check-ins between the Provost and VPSA about student success "We have collaborated more across the past few years, it's a step in the right direction – but...

...we have a long way to go before proactive wellbeing support is truly integrated throughout the student experience...

and not just as an add-on here and there"

Vice President of Student Affairs, Public University

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Elevate Access Points throughout the Student Experience



Virginia Tech's Residential Well-Being Initiative



University of Michigan's Peer Support Package



Georgetown University's Initiative to Infuse Well-Being into the Classroom

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"A Mile Wide and an Inch Deep"



Is the Classic Residential Life Model Still Applicable in 2021?



ENDLESS TO-DO LIST for ResLife Staff

Mediate roommate conflict

Write up reports from last night's on-call

Enforce residence hall policies

Do housing staff really have the bandwidth to fully support the
essential needs we are asking them
to support?

Challenges of This Model



Generalists support focus areas that require specialization



RAs turn to RDs for expertise, but RDs do not have expertise across all focus areas

Result: proactive well-being support is often inconsistent since it depends on staff expertise and bandwidth



Staff are dealing with **very different challenges and needs now** than when I was an RA 25 years ago, **but many residence life models are still built the same** and rely on students to come to us"

-Sean Grube, Director of Housing and Residential Well-Being, Virginia Tech

Specialization Reduces Risk of Focus Areas 'Falling through the Cracks'

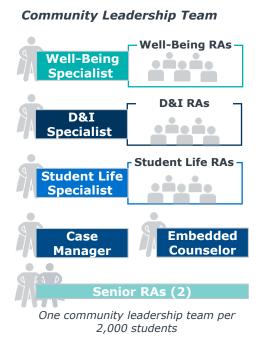
Traditional ResLife Model

Generalist RDs oversee groups of generalist RAs



In fall 2022 Virginia Tech will transition to a specialist model

Virginia Tech's Residential Well-Being Model:





Specialist Approach Enables Strong Relationships across Campus



We're prioritizing relationships [between residence life staff and other campus specialists] in a way we've never done before. [Our] goal is that EVERY student is connected to well-being on campus. I know the word "every" is thrown around quite a bit, but we intend to measure progress against this goal. If every student isn't connected, then we've missed the mark and will recalibrate so that we are taking care of every student."

- Sean Grube, Director of Residential Well-Being, Virginia Tech



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Stressed Students Turn to Peers and Families

Personal Networks Are a Crucial Touchpoint for Mental Health Support

64%

Of students say they turn to their **friends** for support when stressed

45%

Of students say they turn to their **parents and/or families** for support when stressed

Students Are Increasingly Eager to Help Peers

Students [we're currently serving] ... are not content to just wait around for help to come to them, **they want to be part of the solution.** They want to help each other, and they want to do so in safe ways, so they want us to train them and involve them so that they're able to make a difference in each other's lives."

- Zoe Ragouzeos PhD, AVP of Sexual Misconduct Support Services and Student Mental Health; Executive Director of Counseling & Wellness NYU

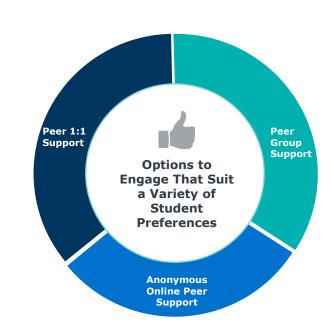
A Multi-Pronged Approach Extends Reach

Complementary Options Address Wide Variety of Preferences and Needs



We don't want to force students to receive one modality of support. We know at this point different students need different services, at different times, across different formats. A counseling center must figure out how to ensure a service is there to meet various student preferences at any given time

Todd Sevig, Director of Counseling and Psychological Services, University of Michigan



The University of Michigan's Individual Peer Support Program



Students Select a Peer Counselor

Students can browse a directory and indicate interest in the program on the counseling center website



13 Peer Mentors 2020-2021



Students Meet With Their Peer Counselor

Students set up a schedule with their peer mentor that will best fit their needs and goals



Peer Counselors Meet With Counseling Center Staff Each Week

Peer counselors have dedicated time with counseling staff to reflect on recent success, themes and challenges

Key Program Logistics



Supervised and trained by the counseling center



Volunteer-based and students interested in becoming a peer counselor must go through an application process



A staff member is on call for peer counselors who need additional guidance to help their client outside of normal hours

Wolverine Support Network Complements Michigan's 1:1 Peer Programming

The Wolverine Support Network

Student-led organization that empowers students to support each other's identity, mental well-being and day-to-day lives through peerfacilitated groups and biweekly events

How It Works



Students Request to Join a Group a custom algorithm assigns students according to their needs/preferences



Group Cohorts Meet Weekly 30 weekly groups (2019-2020)



Two Student Facilitators Per Group60 leaders undergo semesterly training and meet weekly with the counseling center director

Results

470+ Members 2019-2020

% Who Said They're...

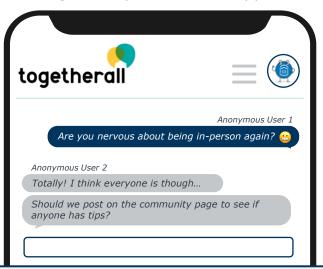
88% better able to listen to others

85% more able to empathize with & understand others

82% more able to open up to others

A 24/7 Anonymous & Virtual Peer Community

Leverage Anonymous Peer Support to Expand Care Options for Students





Peers give and receive support anonymously and virtually



Monitored by licensed and registered practitioners

64%

Share thoughts and feelings on Togetherall because it's anonymous

93%

Of members self-reported an improvement in their well-being after using Togetherall

80%

Of students feel less isolated after using Togetherall

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Just Scratching the Surface in the Classroom

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We've Made Progress, but There Is Ample Room for Improvement

Our Current Methods...



10 min presentation from the counseling center



Reminders during 'high-stress' times that resources exist



Syllabus statement

...Are Not Yielding the Results We Need

60%

Students say they feel their faculty **do not** take mental health seriously

70%

Of students **aren't comfortable** telling their instructor if their mental health stops them from completing their work



Faculty right now have an important role to support and acknowledge what students are going through and think about **how class** structures can be most conducive to mental health"

- Sarah Ketchen Lipson, PhD, EdM Assistant Professor, Boston University, and Associate Director of the Healthy Minds Network

Upcoming EAB Roundtable for Academic Leaders...

Five Critical To-Dos for Academic Leaders To Support Student Success and Mental Health

Audience:

Provosts, Vice Provosts, Deans of Faculty, Assistant Provosts

Register/More Information:

https://eab.com/event/aaf-2021roundtable-5-critical-to-dos/

Or email SMoore@eab.com

Dates

October 27th, 2021 November 16th, 2021 January 27th, 2022 Curricular Infusion Bridges the Gap between Student and Academic Affairs



Georgetown's Engelhard Project

Faculty link academic course content to health and well-being topics through readings, presentations, and reflective writing assignments.

3 Elements of Curricular Infusion



Targeted readings or writing assignments that link course content with infusion topic



In-class discussions and/or presentations from campus resource professionals



Community partnerships that encourage students to reflect on their experience

Sample Courses

| DEPARTMENT | COURSE TITLE | WELL-BEING TOPIC |
|--------------|--|---|
| Anthropology | Disability and Culture | Mental Health, Relationships |
| Economics | Healthcare Systems Economics | Stress and Coping Skills |
| German | Witches | Societal Stigma, Mental Health |
| Mathematics | Introduction to Math Modeling | Healthy Relationships With Food and Exercise |
| Physics | Dynamic Processes in Biological Physics | Biology of Depression |
| Philosophy | Introduction to Philosophy | Human Flourishing |
| Psychology | Cultural Psychology | Contemplative Practices for Well-Being |

Georgetown Embeds Well-Being into Campus Culture and Curriculum

15+ Years of Growth at Georgetown



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Engelhard courses offered each semester

Once Engelhard modules were put in place in this course, I couldn't imagine doing without them. I trust that through these experiences, students leave my class more prepared to address life's challenges and more willing and capable of understanding the challenges that others face."

Biology Professor Georgetown University

Over a Decade of Extending Reach on Campus

2005-2021

140 +

Faculty members taught courses

750+

Courses offered

24,000+

Students reached in courses¹

Takeaways and Next Steps from This Section

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Integrate and enhance well-being touchpoints throughout the student experience to proactively ensure each student receives well-being support



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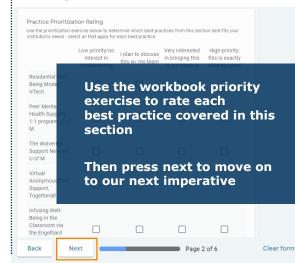
Encourage your academic affairs colleagues to attend an upcoming EAB roundtable for academic affairs leaders on well-being. Then set up a follow up meeting to discuss opportunities to collaborate



Meet with your team to discuss the best practices you rated as high priority in this section



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Bring a DEIJ Lens to Campus Mental Health Support

SECTION



Unequal Use of Mental Health Services

BIPOC Students & Adults Face Many Barriers to Mental Health Help-Seeking

Black Students Consistently Receive Less Mental Health Support than White Counterparts

25%

33%



of black of white students students

Reported receiving **mental health therapy** in 2019



55% 69%

of black of white students students

Reported receiving **informal counseling** in 2019

A Variety of BIPOC Barriers to Access



Deficiency of culturally responsive providers



Concerns about cost

Structural racism

General mistrust of health care system

Hesitancy to seek help from a place lacking individuals that look like them

Among adults with any mental illness in 2015, 48% of whites received mental health services, compared to 31% of blacks, 31% of Hispanics, and 22% of Asians.



Amidst Continued Student Calls for Diverse Mental Health Providers

Despite Years of Student Demands for Services That Meet Their Diverse Identities...

"Establish team of multicultural counselors to specifically address severe mental illnesses and the needs of students of color."

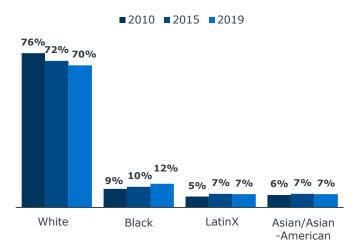
Student Activists, Kansas University, 2015

"Agree to hire more counselors that better represent all marginalized identities on campus and more counselors with language fluency...allow students to select their own counselor and enhance any current diversity and inclusion training, mandatory for both new and current counselors"

#NotAgainSU Student Activist Group, Syracuse University, 2020

...Counseling Center Staff Remains Primarily White

Counseling Center Staff Demographics, 2010-2019



Rising Investment in Identity-Specific Resources

Institutions Increasingly Provide Targeted Mental Health Support

A Growing Number of Initiatives for BIPOC Students

BIPOC Web Resources





Mental Health and Healing Resources for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color



BIPOC Mental Health Resources Webpage

Workshops & Speaker Series





Worthy of Wellness Workshops for BIPOC Students



Diversity & Equity Speaker Series

Identity-Specific Group Therapy





BIPOC Queer Womxn Support Circle & BIPOC Meditation Circle



LGBTQ+ Support Group

Bring a DEIJ Lens To Campus Mental Health Support



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Reimagine Crisis Response

Innovations in Mental Health Crisis Response

Empower Me Connects Students to Preferred Provider Identities

Partnership with *Empower Me* Provides Support to Students on Their Terms

Student Calls
Empower Me

Stay on the Line to
Connect

Immediate Crisis
Press 0

Student asked about:

- Contact & Demographic Info
- What You're Experiencing
- Characteristics in Provider that Might Make You Feel Comfortable (e.g., Gender, Faith, Language)

Non-Immediate Need: Matched within 48 Hours to Schedule Appointment

Queen's Leverages Telehealth to Increase Access to Diverse Providers in a Scalable Way

Key Benefits

- Multi-Modal: In-person, phone, or videoconference appointments
- EDII¹ Sensitive:
 Ability to tailor ●----provider identity
- Diverse Support:
 Help available for
 crisis situations and
 scheduled sessions
- Accessible: 24/7, 365 from multiple countries
- Integrated:
 Referrals back and
 forth with campus
 services

Students can request providers based on...

- Culture
- Race
- · Religion
- Gender Identity/ Sexual Orientation
- Language



EDII stands for Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Indigeneity.

Exeter Partners with Local Org to Expand Culturally Responsive Counseling



What Makes Nilaari a Strong Partner

- Black, Asian, and Minority
- Ethnic (BAME)-Led, Community-Based Charity

Over 20 years experience

- in providing culturally responsive counseling
- Located in the most diverse ward in Bristol

Nilaari Partnership In Action







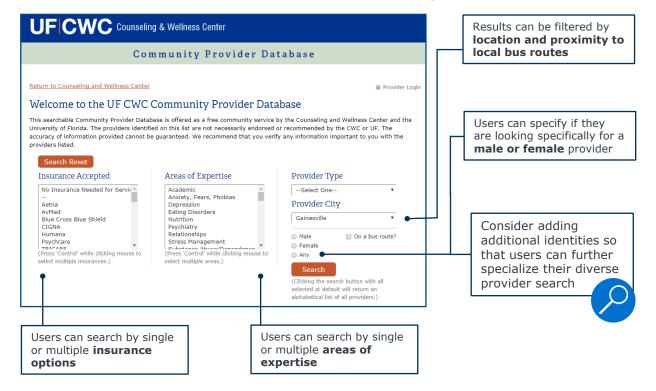
Nilaari's Counselors Provide Culturally Responsive Counseling Remote Service Options Ensure Easy Access for Students Nilaari Meets Monthly with Exeter Leaders to Give Service Delivery Guidance

"We've been really thrilled with the success of our partnership so far, and we have seen more BAME students use Nilaari services that we expected. In developing this provision, it has given us additional confidence to work in more targeted ways with other student communities seeking more tailored support – for instance, our LGBTO+ students."

Mark Sawyer, Head of Well-Being and Welfare Services, University of Exeter

Streamline Connection to Community Providers

UF's Database Eases Search for Diverse Community Practitioners



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Innovations in Mental Health Crisis Response

Embed Counselors in Cultural Centers to Enhance Convenience, Comfort

USC University of Southern California



Data analysis reveals student populations most in need of mental health services

USC targets populations by situating counselors within cultural communities

The Embedded Counselor Role



- Licensed therapist
- Understands cultural expectations and environments
- Provides therapy services and targeted mental health programming

Asian Pacific American Student Services (APASS)

Center for Black Cultural and Student Affairs (CBCSA)

Latinx American Chicanx American Student Affairs (La CASA)

LGBTQ+ Resource Center

Office of International Studies

Office of Religious Life*

Veteran Resource Center*

First Gen Student Programs*

* = community liaison

"The idea of embedded counselors is to have **ongoing connection with specific student groups**, and to get to know the **specific circumstances** of their context...also helps the mental health professional **tailor programs and discussions that can make the environment more supportive overall** to student concerns and well-being."

Dr. Summer Zapata, AD for Academic Embedded Services, University of Southern California

NAU's DEIJ-Focused Counseling Roles Attract and Retain Diverse Applicants

The Diversity Coordinator Role



Assumes **generalist**

responsibilities

counseling

Oversees other senior counseling staff, including specialist positions (Black and African American Specialist, LatinX Specialist)

Leads team tasked with responsibilities to better meet diverse student needs:

- Craft counseling center diversity statement
- Create and conduct a BIPOC student mental health needs assessment
- Help drive counseling center DEIJ mission



BIPOC Student Support Duties are Paired with Inclusive Office Processes

- DEIJ work is supported by other counseling staff, not solely the coordinator's burden
- Individual student counseling requests are spread across all team members so that coordinator and specialists are not overburdened

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Activism Spikes for Mental Health Crisis Response Reform



Activists Call for Reform of Mental Health Crises Response

"immediate removal of [police]...in response to mental health crises and survivor support, as this can often be traumatizing.

- Coalition of 15+ BIPOC student organizations, the University of Texas Austin

"[We demand] social workers be paid as first responders to mental health crises, not cops"

- UVM Womxn of Color Coalition, the University of Vermont

"Mental health crises should generally be handled by mental health professionals, not armed officers."

- Abolish Stanford student activist group, Stanford University



Traditional Response Protocol Falls Short

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Calls to Rethink What We've Always Done

A Traditional Crisis Response



A Student Experiences a Mental Health Crisis

The student, RA, or other bystander calls for crisis support



Police Are Dispatched to the Crisis Call

According to procedure, police respond to calls involving a student in crisis



Police Arrive to Support the Student

...But some students feel unsafe or uncomfortable with police support during mental health crises



Our campus police is just tasked with so much...and students need more specialized help when it comes to mental health...they need that mental health knowledge and support immediately at the scene when mental health crisis strikes."

Vice President of Student Affairs Public Research University

Shifting Campus Context Results in Emerging Safety Trend

Changing service call types means more demand for specialized skills and support



Develop differentiated response capabilities and protocols

Institutions Explore Range of Differentiated Response Strategies

Campus Partnerships Dedicated Staff Contract Services Campus police partners with Campus leaders create Campus leaders contract out mental health crisis on-campus groups (e.g., in-house positions and/or counseling center) units that respond to support and response **Overview** on mental health calls mental health calls (virtual or in-person) ✓ Minimizes burden on ✓ Leverages existing ✓ Allows for greater staff and expertise specialization existing staff ✓ Enhances internal ✓ Easier to coordinate ✓ Outsources some risks **Benefits** records and follow-up coordination and liabilities · Requires significant · Limited counseling Coordination and center capacity investment records sharing Staff unaccustomed · Difficulty recruiting Less control over **Challenges** to field work service quality



Examples

CU Boulder launched a real-time <u>tablet video call</u> <u>service</u> in which officers can connect students in crises to on-call counselors via iPad.

University of Utah created a <u>community</u> <u>services division</u> with 3 Crisis Support Specialists who respond to campus mental health crises **Arizona State University** contracts with a local nonprofit, <u>EMPACT</u>, to provide in-person emergency crisis response and transport services.

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Emerging Imperative

Build capacity internally and explore external partnerships to ensure all students have access to support and care that is responsive to their identities



Get Started on Your Campus



Create a plan to identify barriers to accessing care and explore options for providing those students more resonant messaging, services, or formats



Review Additional EAB Resources:

On-Demand Webinar: Responding to New Pressures on Campus Safety and Police: Balancing Stakeholder Demands, Student Well-Being, and Security Considerations

Expert Insight: 3 Models for Differentiated Mental Health Crisis Response on Campus

EAB DEIJ Resource Center: A curated EAB library of DEIJ resources

Using the Workbook?:

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Leverage Data to Demonstrate Impact and Make Strategic Investments

SECTION

An Increased Focus on Data Analysis and Outcomes Moving Forward

Surging Investments in Student Mental Health



Chancellor announces \$24M in student mental health and wellness services



CU Boulder commitment totals \$1.8M to expand student mental health & wellness



\$11.5M coming to U System of Georgia campuses for mental health



...Those Investments Carry Long-Term Obligations

Funding for new well-being initiatives is seldom permanent; we need to start taking steps now to ensure we are prepared to make a compelling case for future resources when we are asked the inevitable question; "why should we continue to fund this?"

VPSA, Public University

As Philanthropic Interest in Well-Being Grows, So Do Expectations



Donor Interest in Student Mental Health Is Booming



University of Colorado Boulder

Parent leadership society raised \$2M for mental health initiatives



UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

Received a \$38M gift to address the 'behavioral health crises'



Received a \$35M gift for a new health, wellness, and athletics center



To capitalize on the momentous donor interest, we are witnessing in student mental health, we need to start strategizing now about how we will show donors 'this really helped.'

VP of Advancement, Private University

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Metrics Driven by Reporting Requirements and Descriptive Indicators

Student Affairs Data Typically Focuses On...



User **demographic** information



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But Assessing True Impact Is More Elusive

Did we contribute to students' **persistence** at the institution?



Did we help students feel like they **belong** at the institution?

Did we teach students **healthy coping mechanisms**?

What did we prevent from happening?

"If I Had a Dime for Every Time We Said, 'We Were Totally Wrong about That"



Absent the data, decision makers are making decisions based on their own experience rather than the experience of those who are actually receiving the service today. That's a huge mistake, it's incredibly expensive and doesn't help us achieve the outcomes we want."

- Frank Shushok, Vice President of Student Affairs, Virginia Tech



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Now Is the Time to Re-evaluate Your Approach to Well-Being Data



Start Conversations About ROI

Healthy Mind's ROI
Calculator assists leaders
in estimating ROI of mental
health investments to
secure buy-in and guide
conversations about ROI of
well-being initiatives



Prioritize On-Going Departmental Data Analysis

York University's
Counseling Center Data
Analyst centralizes and
prioritizes data-informed
department strategy and
communication of impact
in the counseling center



Use Data to Show Impact on Priorities

Duke University's Survey prioritizes gathering data to demonstrate divisional impact on the student experience

UBC's Well-Being Metricsuse data to show progress
towards the *institution's*well-being goals

Estimate the ROI of a Well-Being Program

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Healthy Minds Calculator Sparks Discussion about Well-Being ROI

Step 1: Input Information:

Service/Program:

• Estimated per-year users: 150

Per-year cost: \$10K

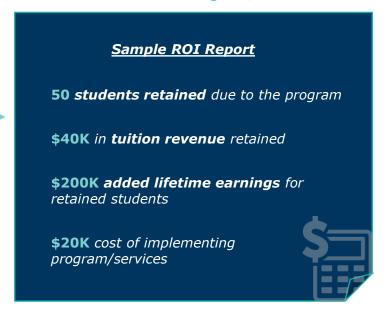
Institution:

Tuition rate: \$15K

• Attrition rate: 14%

 Degree-seeking population size: 6.8K

<u>Step 2</u>: Access Key Points to Communicate the Economic Returns of a Program/Service



York's Data Analyst Formalizes Data Analysis in the Counseling Center

Common Approach to Data Limits Well-Being Strategy



Added as an additional VPSA or AVP responsibility



- **Easily deprioritized**among many other urgent obligations
- Owner may lack expertise to turn data into meaningful insights
- Role dynamics create obstacles to collecting candid input







Data strategy is prioritized since it is a primary focus of this role



Expertise fit the role; ability to collect, crunch and communicate data effectively



Placement on the organizational chart **mitigates obstacles to collecting candid information**

...But Struggle to Prioritize the Cumbersome Process of Connecting Them



It's uncommon to have an analyst at the departmental level who can dedicate the time needed to connect the dots, obtain the necessary information to support data-driven decision-making, create reports tailored to specific audiences, and engage stakeholders who have the ability to help move recommendations forward.

- Stephanie Cheung, Policy/Program Evaluation/Data Analyst, York University



Assess Impact of Divisional Well-Being Programs

DuWell Survey Specially Designed to Show Progress towards Division Goals

As a result of attending the well-being program(s) I am able to... Manage day-to-day stress Disagree Neutral Agree Develop essential peer relationships Disagree Neutral Agree Establish meaningful relationships with staff and/or faculty Disagree Neutral Aaree

Student Affairs Annual Report

The impact of DuWell programs on student success indicators

92% Of student attendees are more able to manage day-to-day stress

67% Of student attendees are more able to develop essential peer relationships

50% Of student attendees are more able to establish meaningful relationships with staff or faculty



Questions designed based on what Duke wanted to achieve through its programs



The same criteria are used to assess each program, making it easier to see relative impact



Revisited annually to ensure assessment reflects current department goals UBC's Goal-Oriented Metrics Drive a Data-Informed Mental Health Strategy

University of British Columbia's Well-Being Strategic Framework

| Mental He | Mental Health & Resilience Nutri | | Belonging | Physical Activity |
|-----------|---|-------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Target Go | oal: | In | ndicators: | |
| | Mental health lite 10% increase for students, faculty, a staff by 2025 | eracy | Report an ability to manage stress | |
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Takeaways and Next Steps from This Section

Emerging Imperative

Leverage data to inform well-being strategy by normalizing conversations about the ROI of well-being programming, prioritizing divisional data analysis, and using data to demonstrate progress towards institutional priorities



Get Started on Your Campus



Create a plan to **set well-being target goals and metrics** and
measure progress against those goals



Meet with your team to discuss the best practices you rated as high priority in this section



Using the Workbook?:

Practice Prioritization Rating Use the prioritization exercise below to determine which best-practices from this section best-fits your institution's needs - select all that apply for each best-practice Use the workbook priority exercise to rate each ROI Calc Healthy I best practice covered in this section Counselin Center D Analyst, Then press next to move on DuWell S to our next imperative Set Well Metrics

Clear form

Preparing for the Next Decade in Student Mental Health and Well-Being Support

Attendee Networking and Breakout Conversations How Can EAB Help You Get Started?

1

Schedule This Session for Your Team

- Request an EAB workshop on Preparing for the Next Decade in Student Mental Health and Well-Being
- EAB staff share detailed best practice research with your team and help you prioritize next steps

2

Request Information about the EAB Mental Health Collaborative

(Launching February 2022)

An intensive cohort experience for leaders to:

- Understand trends around student needs
- Assess mental health strategies
- Identify opportunities for improvement and learn from peers

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Review Your Session Workbook with Your EAB Strategic Leader

- Review the workbook with your strategic leader to identify next steps that EAB can assist with
- Your strategic leader will review your responses and set up a time to discuss



Please let us know in the **poll** whether you would like to...

- (1) Schedule this session for your team
- (2) Learn more about the EAB Mental Health Collaborative
- (3) Review your workbook with your Strategic Leader

Select a Breakout Room

BREAKOUT ROOM #1

Elevate Well-Being Support throughout the Student Experience

BREAKOUT ROOM #2

Bring a **DEIJ Lens** to Mental Health and Well-Being Support

BREAKOUT ROOM #3

Move Academic Colleagues from Aware to Active Supporters of Student Well-Being

> Sample Topics:

Using new technology to better connect students to best-fit resources

Re-thinking staff structures to elevate wellbeing support

Sample Topics:

Identifying support barriers for BIPOC students

Optimizing campus resources to better support marginalized student groups

Sample Topics:

Generating active engagement from academic colleagues in student well-being support

Identifying obstacles to collaboration with academic affairs colleagues

We Appreciate Your Feedback

Please take a moment to answer this final poll question to provide your overall experience on today's session.

We have also shared a link to a short online evaluation in the **Chat** and we would appreciate if you could take 2-3 minutes to give us additional feedback on your experience today.



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