Educating the Whole Child: A Series of Roundtables Focused on the Implementation of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

About the Roundtables

Given the importance of SEL to students’ academic achievement as well as their overall success in school, with peers, and in family and community, it is important that schools educate the “whole child” and incorporate effective SEL practices and supports. To help accomplish this goal, we are offering a series of 5 roundtables this year. We are inviting participants who have a leadership role in SEL implementation in their school or district to participate in these roundtables. Participants would include district and building level administrators, district and building leadership team members, school psychologists, school social workers, school counselors and McHenry County agency personnel who support schools in their SEL efforts.

At the first roundtable on September 26 participants will discuss an action framework to guide their thinking. They will have an opportunity to reflect on best practices in SEL programming and complete a self-assessment that includes consideration of what they currently have in place, where they have “gaps” in their current practices, and allows them to generate an SEL action plan for themselves. Participants will also have an opportunity to provide ideas for future roundtable meetings.

About the Facilitator

Patricia Graczyk, PhD has worked in Illinois public schools in various capacities for over 35 years. She is a licensed school psychologist and licensed clinical psychologist. As an NIMH post-doctoral fellow, she worked at the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL) on various key projects including defining SEL skills, CASEL’s first SEL Program review for the US Department of Education, and numerous publications. Dr. Graczyk has presented on SEL to various audiences locally and nationally and has served as a consultant on SEL implementation for a variety of Illinois districts and schools. She is on the faculty in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

SAVE THESE DATES:

All roundtable meetings will be held from 9:00-12:00 at the Mental Health Board in Crystal Lake. Dates for future meetings are: May 22, 2018. Registration information for these meetings will be sent out separately.