

School Mental Health Quality Improvement Spotlight

The Indiana Department of Education, in partnership with the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction and Indiana University School Mental Health Initiative, achieved rapid adoption of the National School Mental Health Performance Measures (The School Mental Health Quality Assessment). In less than 90 days,15 school or district teams completed the National School Mental Health Performance Measures. We applaud the state of Indiana for their strong commitment to school mental health and rapid success with School Health Assessment and Performance Evaluation (SHAPE) adoption in only a few short months. They accomplished this by leveraging collaborative partnerships at the state level to provide materials, guidance, support, and technical assistance – including site visits - to local schools and districts.

Indiana is one of eight states (i.e., Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, and Wyoming) that participated in the 2017-18 National Coalition for the State Advancement of School Mental Health driving statewide adoption of school mental health performance measures. This National Coalition was hosted by the National Center for School Mental Health as a part of the School Health Services National Quality Initiative. To learn more about the SHAPE system and the National School Mental Health Performance Measures, please visit www.theshapesystem.com.