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Learning Objectives

- Analyze disproportionality data and discuss implications for comprehensive coordinated early intervening services.
- Distinguish appropriate from inappropriate procedures for school-initiated Baker Acts.
- Describe the relationship between early warning indicators and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) & implications for screening.
- Identify three neuromyths with instructional implications.

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Agenda

- Student Support Services Project
- NASP Practice Model
- State of the State for Children & Youth in FL
- Legislation & Policy
 - Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CCEIS)
 - Task Force on Involuntary Examination and implications for school mental health
- Evidence-based Intervention Resources
- Neuromyths

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Student Support Services Project

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Guidance to School Districts for Enrolling Students Displaced by Hurricane Maria

As a result of the devastating effects of Hurricane Maria, students and families from Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and other areas of the Caribbean have relocated to Florida. To ensure displaced students are able to continue their education, many shool districts base already begun enrolling them and the Florida Virtual School has offered to accept 20,000 displaced students. Florida Commissioner of Education Parn Stewart has been in contact with Puerto Rico Secretary of Education Julia Keleher, and she expressed her great appreciation for Florida's support.

Due to the devastation left in the wake of these record-setting storms, some of these families may not have immediate access to the records that are typically required to erroll in school. Given these highly unusual circumstances, the Florida Department of Education has waveled certain rules and regulatory provisions to enable districts to more seamlessly enroll displaced students. This document is a complication of guidance, school district personnel should direct questions to the contacts for each section listed below.

I. Waivers
A <u>supplemental order</u> was issued by Commissioner Stewart on October 6, 2017. To the extent student records are unavailable as a result of Hurricane Maria, the following State Board of Education rules and related Florida Statutes are waived to allow school districts to enroll these displaced students in school without the necessary and customary documentation:

Rules 6A.10985 and 6A.10994. Rolford Administrative Code, to the extent necessary to allow Florida public school districts to admit such students where such records are unavailable to the parent or guardian of the student.

Section 1003 21, Florida Statutes, to the extent it requires proof of age for attendance eligibility where such records are unavailable to the parent or guardian of the student.

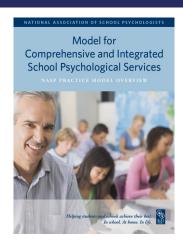
Section 1003 22, Florida Statutes, requiring presentation of a certification of a school-entry health seamination where such records are unavailable to the parent or guardian of the student.

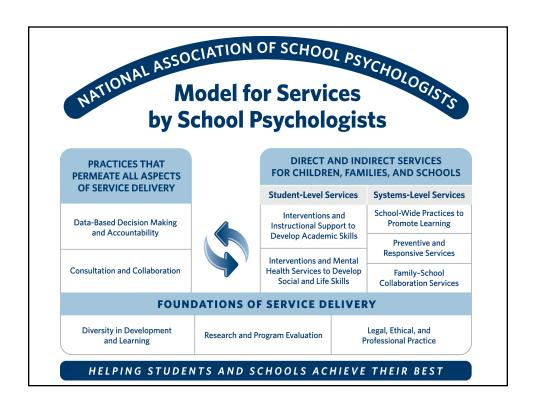
The following State Board of Education rules and related Florida Statutes are waived to allow school districts to employ displaced teachers without the necessary and outstomary documentation for Educator Certification. The department is authorized, upon receiving a request from a school superintendent or his or her authorized designee or from a Florida nonpublic school with a state-approved professional education competence program to:

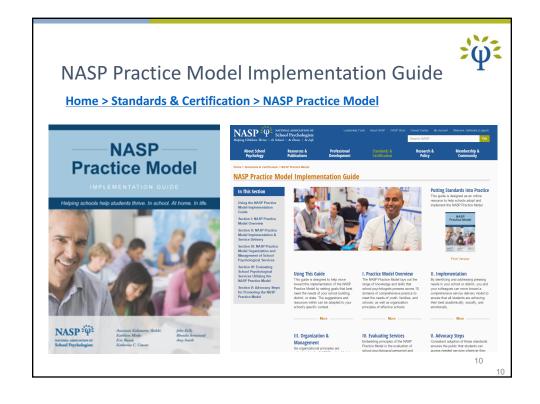
• Waive the application feelly for an initial educator certificate, pursuant to Section 1012.56(1), Florida Statutes, and Rule 6A-4.0012(1)(a), Florida Administrative Code, with requests not to exceed three (3) subject area coverages or endorsements, and

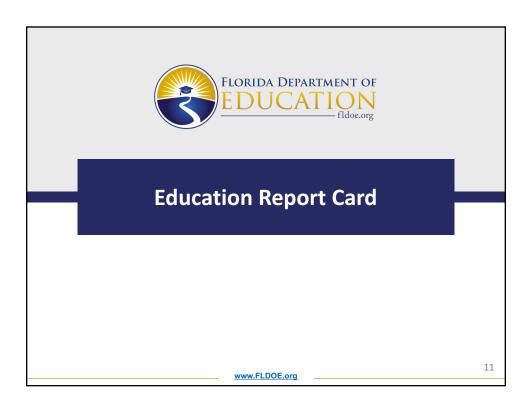
• Waive the requirement to provide official transcript(s) documenting receipt of a bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited or approved institution, pursuant to Section 1012.56(2)(c), Florida Statutes, and Rule 6A-4.0012(3), Florida Administrative Code, if the educator provides unofficial transcript(s) and, if applicable, copies of valid teaching certificate(s) issued by another state or U.S. territory.

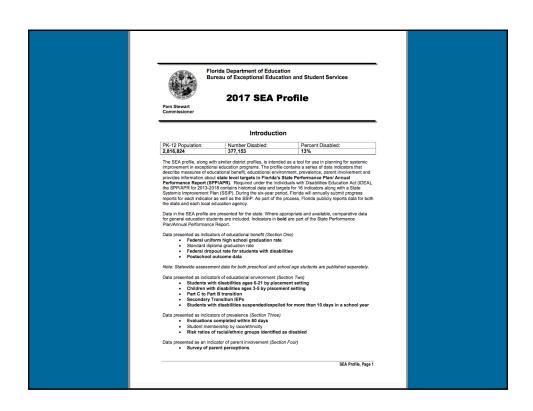
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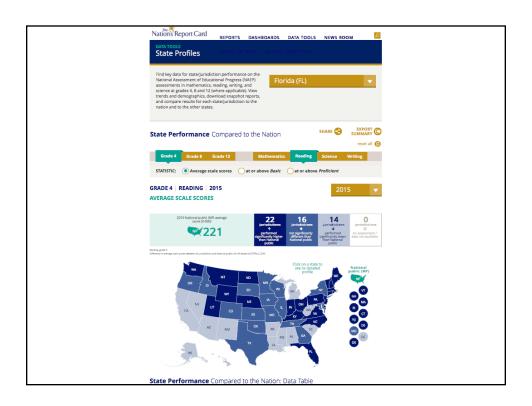










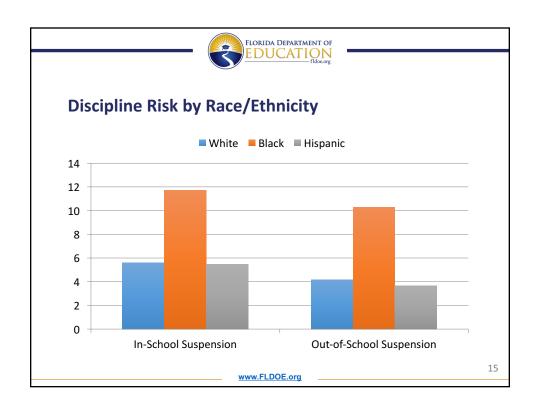




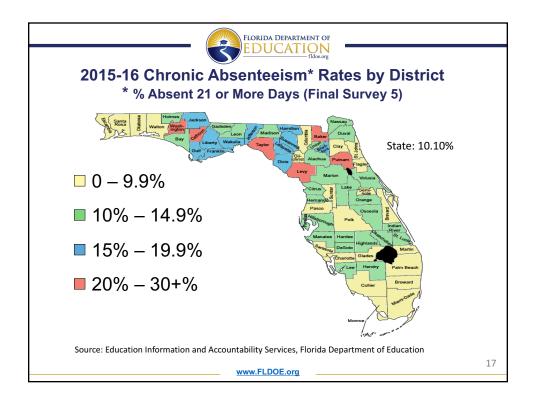
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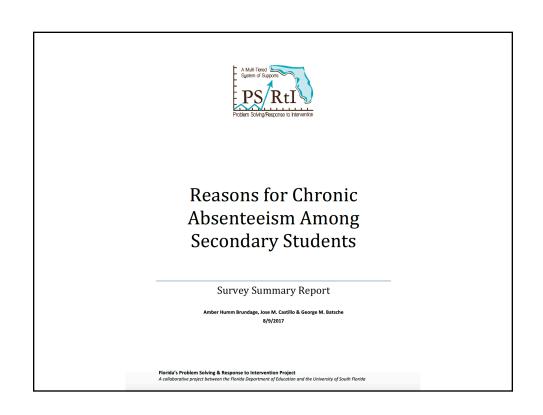
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Student Quantitative Responses by Category

Reason	Percentage
Health Related	92.6
Transportation	53.0
Personal Stress	41.8
Preferred Activity Outside of School	41.0
Value of School	38.8
School Stress	34.8
School Climate	32.2
Safety/Conflict	21.2
Adult Responsibility	17.0
Legal System Involvement	15.6
Housing/Material Instability	13.6
Suspension	10.5

Reasons for Attendance (4859 responses)

Top Responses	
Motivator	Instances Mentioned
Value of Education (Desire to learn, future goals, to get an education)	3080
Peer Relationships	1973
School Activities (clubs, sports, extra-curriculars)	723
Required- Unspecified (I have to)	186
Classes (Content area or elective)	176
Parent Support (Parent expectation/support for attendance)	174

Source: Brundage, A., Castillo, J., Batsche, G. (2017). *Reasons for Chronic Absenteeism (RCA) Among Secondary Students: Survey Summary Report.* Florida's Problem Solving/ Response to Intervention Project. University of South Florida.

Supports to Improve Attendance (4525 responses)

Top Responses	
Supports	Instances Mentioned
Level of Difficulty/ Strictness (Less homework, more fair rules, lenient dress code)	501
Illness Prevention	467
Engaging Environment (More interesting/ fun, more hands-on)	462
Improved Climate/Relationships (Nicer peers/adults, less drama, less bullying)	400
School schedule (Later start time, shorter classes, more time to pass between classes)	359
Academic Support (Tutoring, better teachers, help from teachers)	289
Unsure (I don' t know, not sure)	288
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Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) – FL Plan

- Assessment and Accountability (Title I, Part A)
- Migrant Students (Title I, Part C)
- Neglected, Delinquent, or At-Risk Students (Title I, Part D)
- Supporting Effective Instruction (Title II, Part A)
- English Language Learners (Title III, Part A)
- Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants (Title IV, Part A)
- 21st Century Community Learning Centers (Title IV, Part B)
- Rural and Low-Income School Program (Title V, Part B, Subpart 2)
- McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (Title VII, Subpart B)

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ESSA & School Psychologists

- Assessment & Accountability
 - Must include SISP in designing school improvement plan
- Schools in Need of Improvement
 - Must conduct needs assessment, implement learning supports, & address resource inequity
 - Improvement plan must outline how SISP involved
 - Improvement plan may fund School Mental Health services
- Improving School Climate/Safety & Access to Comprehensive Learning Supports
 - Must report school climate and school safety data
 - ESSA identifies MTSS, PBS/PBIS, SMBH, TIC practices, schoolcommunity partnerships, PD, as potential comprehensive learning supports

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Alternate Assessments for Students with the Most Significant Cognitive Disability (s. 1111(b)(2)(D)

- Total number using alternate assessment cannot exceed 1% of number of students in state taking the assessment.
- Ensures that parents are clearly informed how achievement will be measured and impact on obtaining a HS diploma.
- Promotes involvement of students with most significant cognitive disabilities in the general education curriculum.
- Promotes appropriate accommodations to increase number of students with SCD participating in academic instruction and assessments for grade level enrolled.
- Does not preclude a student with a significant cognitive disability from attempting to completed the requirements for a regular high school diploma.

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What is a Significant Cognitive Disability? Most?

- IQ and/or disability classification alone does not determine significant cognitive disability
 - Not limited to a particular disability category
 - · IQ in lower range necessary but not sufficient
- Must not be identified solely on basis or previous low poor academic achievement, ELL status, or need for accommodations.
- Limited to 1% of student population
- Two primary elements
 - Cognitive/intellectual functioning
 - Adaptive functioning
- Other considerations (see Assessment Planning Resource Guide for IEP Teams)

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Departmental Guidance on Significant Cognitive Disability

- <u>DPS 2014-208</u>: Statewide Assessment for Students with Disabilities
- Assessment Planning Resource Guide for IEP Teams Revised 2016

Questions to Guide the Decision-Making Process to Determine How a Student With Disabilities Will Be Instructed and Participate in the Statewide Standardized Assessment Program	YES	NO
1. Does the student have a significant cognitive disability?		
2. Even with appropriate and allowable instructional accommodations, assistive technology, or accessible instructional materials, does the student require modifications, as defined in Rule 6A-6.03411(1)(z), F.A.C., to the grade-level general state content standards pursuant to Rule 6A-1.09401, F.A.C.?		
3. Does the student require direct instruction in academic areas of English language arts (ELA), mathematics, social studies, and science based on Access Points in order to acquire, generalize, and transfer skills across settings?		

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§300.646 and §300.647



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Disproportionality in IDEA

- Significant disproportionality (§ 300.646 & § 300.647)
 - Comprehensive coordinated early intervening services (CCEIS)
 - · Based on risk ratio threshold
- Disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups due to inappropriate identification (§ 300.600)
 - Indicators 9 & 10
 - Based on risk ratio threshold and determination that disproportionate representation is the result of inappropriate identification

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Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS)

- Early intervening services...
 - Services provided to non-identified students who need additional academic and behavioral supports.
 - Broad range of services that include educational and behavioral evaluations, services, and supports, and professional development.
- Coordinated early intervening services (CEIS)
 - Voluntary for students not currently identified in K-12
 - Districts can use up to 15% of IDEA allocation.
- Comprehensive coordinated early intervening services (CCEIS)
 - Mandatory if district identified as having significant disproportionality (ages 3-5 and K-12)
 - · Districts must use 15% of IDEA allocation.

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Disproportionality – State Responsibility

- Establish a standard methodology for determining disproportionality (with input from stakeholders).
- Collect and examine data to determine if significant disproportionality based on race & ethnicity is occurring:
 - Identification of children with disabilities
 - Placement in particular educational settings
 - Incidence, duration, and type of **disciplinary removals** from placement, including suspensions and expulsions
- Provide for review of policies, practices, and procedures.
- Require LEAs with significant disproportionality to reserve 15% for the provision of comprehensive coordinated early intervening services (CCEIS).

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Risk Ratio Analyses

Categories (14)	Race/Ethnicity (7)
Identification (TOTAL SWD, InD, EBD, SLD, SI/LI, OHI, ASD)	White
In-school suspensions < 10 days	Hispanic/Latino of any race
In-school suspensions > 10 days	Black or African American
Out-of-school suspensions < 10 days	Asian
Out-of-school suspensions > 10 days	American Indian or Alaska Native
Total disciplinary removals	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
SWD inside regular class < 40% of the day	Two or more races
SWD in separate schools or facilities	

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Disproportionality - District Responsibility

- Identify and address root causes of disproportionality.
- Address a policy, practice, or procedure identified as contributing to significant disproportionality.
 - Prohibits state or district from developing policies, practices, or procedures that violate IDEA and child find,
- Use 15% of IDEA allocation to address disproportionality
 - Allows portion of CCEIS funds to be used for children with disabilities.

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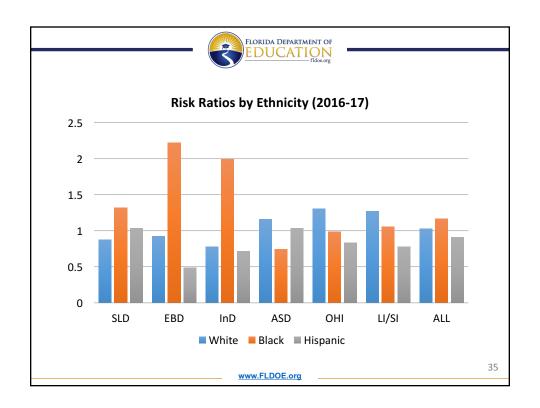


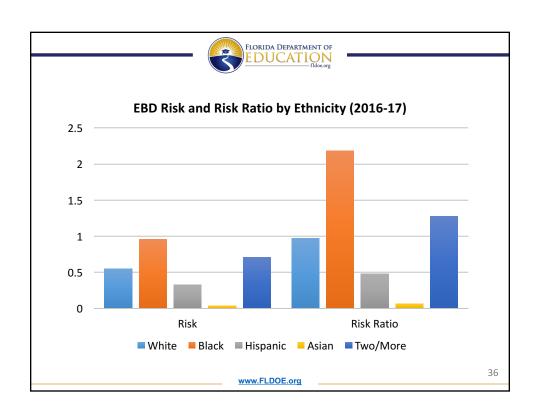
State-determined standard methodology for determining significant disproportionality (CCEIS):

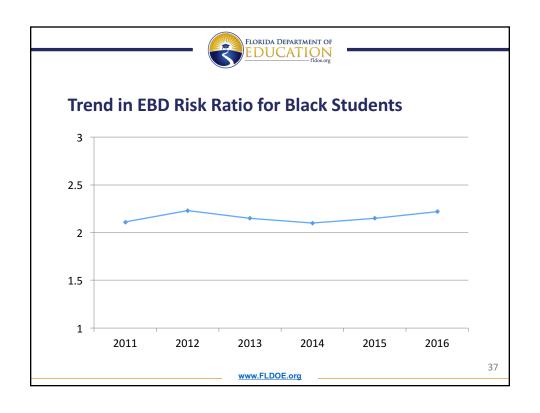
- Reasonable risk ratio threshold
- Reasonable minimum cell size risk for group (numerator in the risk ratio calculation)

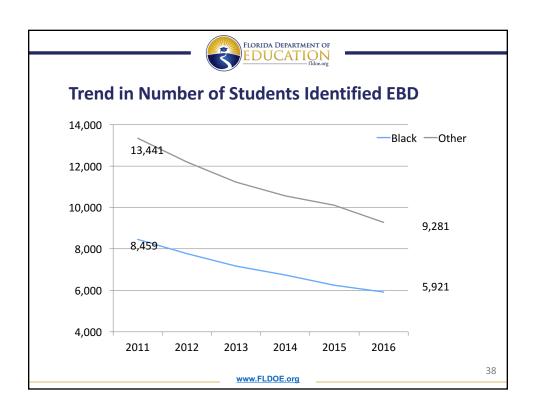
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- Reasonable minimum n-size risk for all other groups (denominator in the risk ratio calculation
- Flexibility Multiple years (up to three)
- Flexibility Reasonable progress (amount must be specified)











Analyzing disproportionality data & causes

- Disaggregate data by race, sex, and age
 - · Consider risk and risk ratio
 - Systemic vs. localized
- Identify root cause(s)
 - Lack of access to good (scientifically-based) instruction
 - · Economic, cultural, or linguistic barriers
 - Inappropriate use of disciplinary removals
 - · Lack of access to appropriate diagnostic screening
 - Differences in academic achievement levels
 - Under-identification of one or more ethnic groups
- Develop and implement coordinated early intervention services (tiered supports) that address root causes.

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Success Gaps Toolkit

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School Improvement Plan (1001.42(18(a), F.S.

- Grade of 'D' or 'F'
- Significant gap in achievement on statewide, standardized assessments for one or more student subgroups
- Not significantly increased percentage of students passing statewide, standardized assessments
- Not significantly increased percentage of students demonstrating learning gains
- Significantly lower graduation rates for a subgroup when compared to the state's average.

SIP template https://www.floridacims.org

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Early Warning Systems (s. 1001.42(18)(b) F.S.)

- Implement an early warning system to identify students who need additional support to improve academic performance and stay engaged in school in grades K-8.
- Establish a school-based team to monitor the early warning system (may include a school psychologist)
- Determine, in consultation with the parent, appropriate intervention strategies based on data from the EWS for each student who exhibits two or more indicators, unless the student is already being served by an intervention.

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Requirements for Early Warning System

- Indicators
 - Attendance below 90%
 - One or more in-school or out-of-school suspensions
 - Course failure in ELA or math for any grading period
 - Level 1 on FSA (ELA or math) or substantial reading deficiency
- Track data on the number of students exhibiting two or more early warning system indicators & the number of students by grade level who exhibit each early warning indicator.
- Description of all intervention strategies employed to improve the academic performance of students identified by the early warning system.

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Task Force on Involuntary Examination of Minors (HB 1121)

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 $\textbf{Table 1:} \ \, \textbf{Involuntary Examinations:} \ \, \textbf{Fiscal Years 2001/2002 to 2015/2016-All Ages \& Children}$

	All Ages		Childr	en (< 18)
Fiscal Year	Involuntary	% Increase to FY	Involuntary	% Increase to FY
	Examinations	2015/2016	Examinations	2015/2016
2015-2016	194,354	Not Applicable	32,475	Not Applicable
2014-2015	187,999	3.38%	32,650	-0.54%
2013-2014	177,006	9.8%	30,355	6.98%
2012-2013	163,850	18.62%	26,808	21.14%
2011-2012	154,655	25.67%	24,836	30.76%
2010-2011	145,290	33.77%	21,752	49.30%
2009-2010	141,284	37.56%	21,128	53.71%
2008-2009	133,644	45.43%	20,258	60.31%
2007-2008	127,983	51.86%	19,705	64.81%
2006-2007	120,082	61.85%	19,238	68.81%
2005-2006	118,722	63.71%	19,019	70.75%
2004-2005	114,700	69.45%	19,065	70.34%
2003-2004	107,705	80.45%	18,286	77.59%
2002-2003	103,079	88.55%	16,845	92.79%
2001-2002	94,574	105.50%	14,997	116.54%

The increase in the numbers of involuntary examinations was greater than the Florida population increase during this time. Because population estimates for fiscal years were not available, population increases were calculated for the calendar years closest to the fiscal years reported.



Task Force on Involuntary Examination (HB 1121)

- Analyze data on the involuntary examination of minors
- Research root causes of trends in Baker Act of minors
- Identify and evaluate options for expediting examinations for minors
- Identify recommendations for encouraging alternatives to and eliminating inappropriate initiations of involuntary examinations

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Involuntary Examination – Data

- 72% of Baker Acts of minors are community initiated (Baker Act Annual Report 2015/16).
- Schools account for small percentage of Baker Acts (22% in 2015-16).
- Law enforcement initiates ~60% of Baker Acts statewide; most of school-initiated Acts are done by law enforcement.
- Inverse relationship with juvenile arrests.
- High percentage of youth Baker Acted multiple times (29%)

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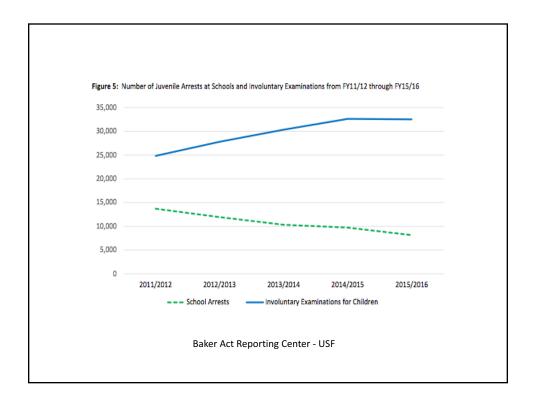
Involuntary Examination – Data

- Considerable variation by geographic location/county.
- 90% of Baker Acts determined to meet criteria per receiving facilities (per receiving facility response to question on Stakeholder survey)
- 60% of respondents to survey indicated no significant change in number of Baker Acts of Minors – 38% no change, 23% decrease – 2 out of 5 DCF Regional Directors.
- Majority of Baker Acts involve harm to self (~60%) or combination of harm to self and harm to others (> 90%); less than 10% are "Harm to Others" alone.

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Table 2: FY 15/16 Location Prior to Involuntary Examinations

Location	Yes	3	No	No		Not Reported	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
32,475 Involuntary Examinations for Children (< 1	.8)						
School	7,154	22.03	21,583	66.4	3,738	11.51	
		%		6%		%	
DCF Custody	1,323	4.07%	27,353	84.2	3,799	11.70	
				3%		%	
Department of Juvenile Justice Custody	493	1.52%	28,228	86.9	3,754	11.56	
				2%		%	
160,483 Involuntary Examinations for Adults	<u> </u>						
Assisted Living Facility (ALF)	4,214	2.63%	136,322	84.9	19,947	12.43	
				4%		%	
Jail	2,241	1.40%	138,447	86.2	19,795	12.33	
				7%		%	
Nursing home	1,030	0.64%	139,446	86.8	20,007	12.47	
-				9%	Ĭ	%	





Mental Health & Schools: Legislation and Policy

- Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Federal Legislation
 - Multi-tiered supports
 - · Mental health
 - · School-based mental health services providers
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Student personnel services, 1012.01(2)(b), F.S.,
- Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention Training s. 1012.583, F.S. http://sss.usf.edu/resources/topic/suicide/index.html
- Bullying prevention policies & procedures (s. 1006.147, F.S.)
- Early Warning System s. <u>1001.42(18)(b)</u>, F.S.
- Full-service schools s. 402.3026, F.S.

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Baker Act & Schools: Legislation and Policy

- Parent notification requirement in s. 1002.20(3)(I) and 1002.33(9)(q), F.S. requires school boards to develop policies and procedures for providing immediate parental notice when a Baker Act is initiated.
- Policy decisions are made at the local level unless the FDOE has been given statutory authority to develop statewide policy (s. 1001.33, F.S.).
- Baker Act Policies & Procedures are addressed locally in the District Bylaws and Policies document and in suicide prevention protocols & procedures.

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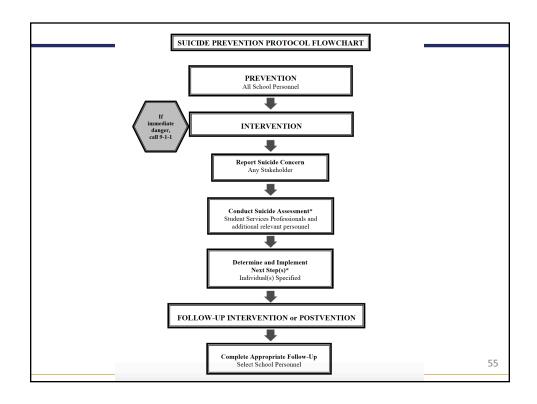
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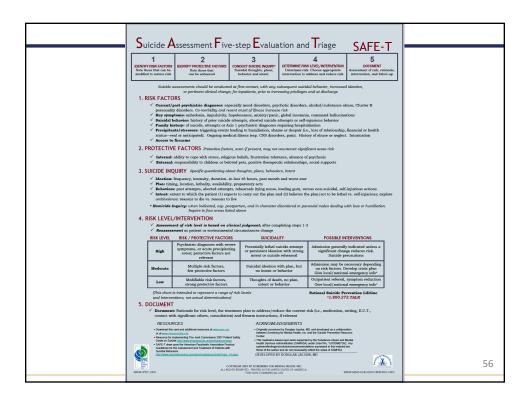


Suicide Prevention/Baker Act Procedures

- Student safety is primary consideration!!
- Suicide concern reported to administrator & student services personnel.
- Qualified school personnel conduct risk assessment (certified or licensed mental health services provider).
- Take action corresponding to the level of risk.
 - For moderate or high risk, only release student to parent or law enforcement.
- Contact parent and involve in monitoring and follow-up.
- Involve law enforcement to initiate Baker Act when needed.
- Follow-up with student & family.
- Postvention procedures for completed suicides.

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Recommendations

- Emphasize prevention and early intervention focus on improving supports and reducing completed suicides.
- Implement systematic mental health screening to identify students who need mental health services & supports.
- Increase access to & funding for mental health services within schools and communities.
- Adopt a standard risk assessment protocol
 - SAMHSA's Suicide Assessment Five-Step Evaluation and Triage (SAFE-T) http://www.shiacmh.org/docs/safe-t.pdf.
- Provide crisis intervention training for school- and community-based mental health providers.
- Foster collaboration and coordination between school and community mental health resources.

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Effective Suicide Prevention Model - SPRC





School Health Performance & Evaluation System (SHAPE)

- Free interactive system to improve school mental health accountability, excellence, & sustainability
- Self-assess your school mental health system's quality & sustainability
- Supports strategic team planning
- Access to school mental health resources
- https://theshapesystem.com

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Maryland Behavioral Health Online Training https://mdbehavioralhealth.com





Early Warning Systems and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

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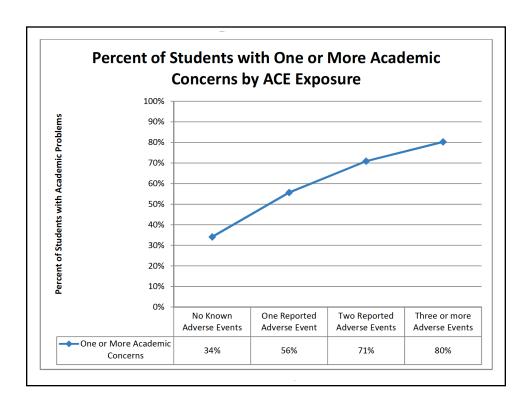
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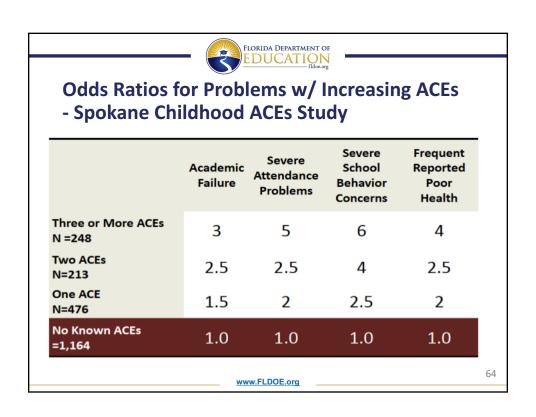


Adverse Childhood Experiences and Developmental Risk in Elementary Schoolchildren

- 45% of students experienced at least one ACEs; 21% experienced two or more.
- Number of ACE events correlates with Free and Reduced lunch eligibility.
- Number of ACEs but is not related to gender, race, or special education status.
- Exposure to even one of ACEs identified in this study increases risk of poor child outcomes.
- Dose effect for ACEs development risk increases with numbers of ACEs on all four dimensions of development.

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ACEs Study Takeaways

- Adverse event exposure predicts academic risk (early warning system indicators) and chronic health problems.
- Parental divorce/separation the most common adverse childhood experience (36%).
- ACEs correlated with poverty and EWS indicators.
- Use early warning system (EWS) indicators as proxy for ACEs (especially severe behavioral problems and chronic absenteeism).
- Implications for multi-tiered system of supports and traumainformed practices.
- Implications for special education eligibility and individual educational plans.

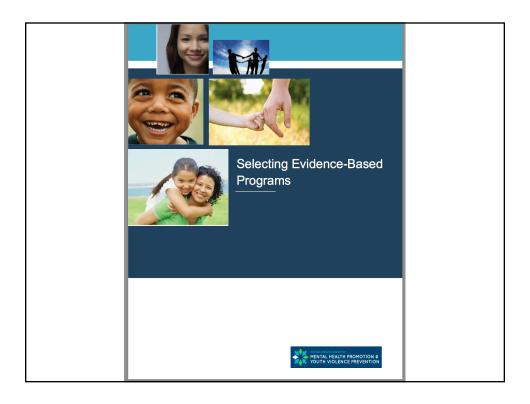
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Evidence-based Practices

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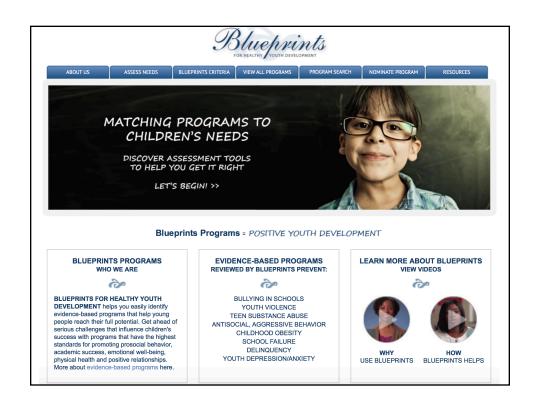


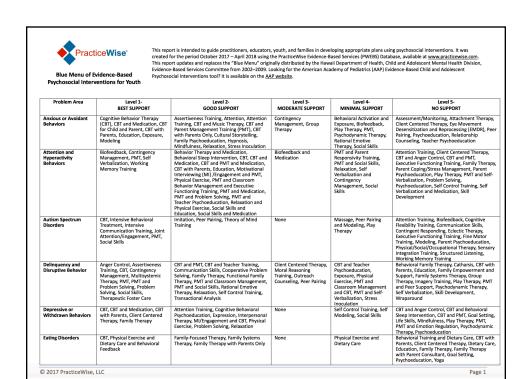
Selecting Evidence-based Programs

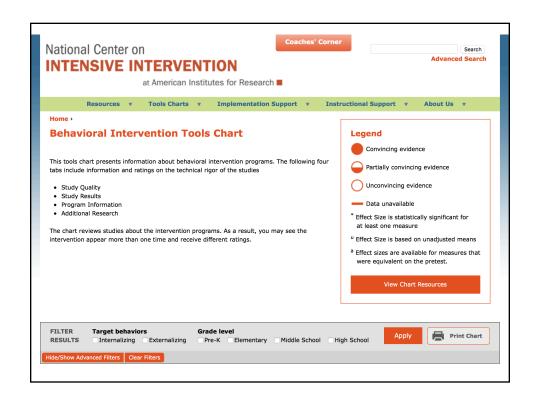
- Identifying the EBPs scope
- Determining readiness to implement EBPs
- Where to look for EBPs
- Selecting an EBP
- Tracking the EBP impact
- Monitoring EBP fidelity and quality improvement methods

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Neuromyths & Educational Practice

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Neuromyth	Correct Answer	General Public	Educators	High Neurosci
Individuals learn better when they receive information in their preferred learning style.	FALSE	93	76	78
Children have learning styles that are dominated by particular senses.	FALSE	88	71	69
A common sign of dyslexia is reading letters backwards.	FALSE	76	59	50
Listening to classical music increases children's reasoning ability.	FALSE	59	55	43
Children are less attentive after consuming sugary drinks and/or snacks.	FALSE	59	50	39
Some of us are "left-brained" and some are "right-brained" and this helps explain differences in learning.	FALSE	64	49	32
We only use 10% of our brain.	FALSE	36	33	14
Children must be exposed to enriched learning experiences by age 3 or learning capacities will be lost.	FALSE	35	39	38
Exercises that rehearse coordination of motor-perception skills can improve literacy.	FALSE	79	80	72

