Erasing Barriers to Learning

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Welcome to the second of four monthly issues of *"Erasing Barriers to Learning"* by the West Virginia Expanded School Mental Health Initiative—a partnership between the WV Department of Education, WV Department of Health & Human Resources, parents and professionals.

Toolkit #3: Early Identification

Screening to identify youth in need can link them to effective services earlier, and contribute to positive educational outcomes...
Read the full article...

Also Check Out **Toolkit #4: Developmental Guidance**

One powerful page on how West Virginia schools with limited counseling resources can develop an effective classroom-based developmental guidance curriculum. Includes links to current state policy, and best practice resources.

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Video Clip of the Month

Building partnerships between school systems and community mental health providers. Features representatives from three local school systems in West Virginia.

Part 2 of 5 clips produced by the West Virginia Expanded School Mental Health Initiative

View the 4-minute video...

"Expanded school mental health" refers to programs that build on core services typically

provided by schools. Expanded School Mental Health is a framework that:

- *includes the full continuum of prevention, early intervention and treatment*
- *serves all students*
- *emphasizes shared responsibility between schools, mental health service providers and other community partners*

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