

The Indiana Department of Education is excited to announce virtual open hours will be a part of 2021 each month. The Social Emotional Behavioral Wellness (SEBW) team will be hosting two sessions in January. **The first session** will occur on January 20th, 2021 from 5pm to 6pm (eastern) and will address suicide prevention and crisis resources. The SEBW staff will be joined by Dr. Christopher Drapeau, the State Director for Suicide Prevention, and David Berman, VP of harm reduction and crisis stabilization programs for Mental Health America of Indiana.

**Guest Bios:**

**Dr. Christopher Drapeau**, is a licensed psychologist and the state suicide prevention director for the state of Indiana. Most recently, he was a university research professor at Valparaiso University and director of their SAMHSA GLS Campus Suicide Prevention grant. At Valpo, Dr. Drapeau regularly taught school psychology and clinical mental health counseling graduate courses, which included a K-12 crisis assessment and intervention course. He has provided school psychological services in suburban and rural Indiana school districts and also completed an APA-accredited psychology internship in the third largest school district in Texas. Dr. Drapeau has experience assessing suicide risk in K-12 settings, responding to school crises, and training school crisis teams. He has completed NOVA's Basic Crisis Response Team Training and is a former Connect/NAMI New Hampshire Suicide Postvention Trainer.

**David Berman**, is the Vice President of Harm Reduction and Crisis Stabilization Programs for Mental Health America of Indiana (MHAI), as well as the Director of the Indiana Suicide Prevention Network, and the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance of Indiana, both subsidiaries of MHAI. In these capacities, he provides leadership for the organization's crisis intervention programs, including suicide prevention, mental health related disaster response and resiliency, and mental health peer programs, specifically those associated with mood disorders. In addition, David currently serves as the State Program Director for Indiana's FEMA funded Crisis Counseling Program (CCP) established by the state's Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA), including the Be Well Crisis Helpline operated through Indiana 211

**The second session** will occur on January 27th from 5pm to 6pm (eastern) and will allow for educators and administrators to ask the SEBW team questions directly. The second session will not have a theme and questions that can not be answered at the time they are asked will be answered via email and shared in an appropriate digital location.

Click here to [register](#) for January 20th - Suicide Prevention and Crisis Resources

Click here to [register](#) for January 27th - Open to All Topics