Schools at the Center of Care

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This issue brief argues that schools are increasingly serving as the front door to children’s behavioral health care by identifying needs early, coordinating services, and connecting families to support. It highlights how collaboration among schools, Medicaid, child welfare agencies, and community partners can create a more integrated continuum of care that emphasizes prevention, family well-being, and improved outcomes for children. The brief also emphasizes the need to address workforce shortages, strengthen data-sharing systems, and expand school-based behavioral health financing to sustain these efforts.

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