

Side-by-Side:

A Blueprint for Seamless CMHC and School Integration in Times of Crisis

When a crisis hits a school, there is no time to bridge gaps. This session provides a practical blueprint for integrating CMHC partners into school response structures. Learn to navigate HIPAA/FERPA hurdles, align communication loops, and build a unified safety net that ensures seamless support for students and staff when it matters most.

MAIN SESSION IDEAS

- **Building the "Invisible Bridge":** Proactively establishing integrated CMHC and school district frameworks before crisis strikes, moving past high-level collaboration to defined operational roles.
- **Navigating the Privacy Paradox:** Overcoming real-world friction points with clear, compliant protocols for student information sharing between HIPAA and FERPA entities.
- **Eliminating Role Overlap & Friction:** Plugging mental health expertise directly into school response structures so external CMHC teams operate as cohesive staff extensions.
- **Real-World Case Study Walkthrough:** Analyzing the "life of a crisis" at key decision points to highlight communication flows and prevent common pitfalls during the initial 48 hours and beyond.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- **Integration Framework:** Align CMHC clinical support with school response roles to eliminate operational silos and work in tandem.
- **Privacy Protocols:** Establish clear protocols to share critical student information while staying fully compliant with HIPAA and FERPA.
- **Communication Loops:** Build pre-crisis communication plans for effective immediate response (first 48 hours) and long-term care transition.

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