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FOIA Request Dated May 19, 2026

FOIA Request Response May 26, 2026

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On May 19, 2026, ROE53 was in receipt of your FOIA request for records in our possession regarding discussions about“...**Mental Health Awareness Month, how ROE53 celebrated Mental Health Awareness Month in 2026, the National Council on Disability, and Michael Francis Moore.**

Your request has been granted; however, the Regional Office of Education #53 does not have any records of discussions about how ROE53 celebrated Mental Health Awareness Month in 2026, the National Council on Disabilities, or Michael Francis Moore. The responsive documents attached to this letter pertain to Mental Health Awareness Month.

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You also have the right to seek judicial review under Section 11 of FOIA.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jon Smith

Fwd: Illinois Community Digest for Tuesday April 18, 2023

kballard@roe53.net Kelli Ballard
To: tolsen@roe53.net Theresa Olsen

Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 8:46:43AM Central Daylight Time

I'm glad they're doing this. Maybe it will generate more interest in the REACH initiative.

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From: **Ed Leaders Network** <DoNotReply@connectedcommunity.org>
Date: Tue, Apr 18, 2023 at 6:13AM
Subject: Illinois Community Digest for Tuesday April 18, 2023
To: <kballard@roe53.net>



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[Arlin Peebles](#)

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and it is the perfect time for schools to assemble a team, or make plans to leverage an existing one, to reflect on both strengths and areas ripe for improvement in supporting the mental health and well-being of students and staff. The [REACH Statewide Initiative](#), open to all K–12 schools in Illinois, provides the support and structure for school teams to collaboratively assess eight different domains of a trauma-responsive school, laying the groundwork for the development of a roadmap for educators to effectively enact trauma-responsive strategies so students and staff can thrive.

Join the Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois Principals Association, and the Center for Childhood Resilience at 2 p.m. on May 8 for a webinar, [Building Resilient Schools through the REACH Statewide Initiative](#). Attendees will learn about the support and resources offered by the REACH initiative and Illinois's seven [Social-Emotional](#)

[Learning \(SEL\) Hubs](#) and hear one school leader's experience developing and implementing a trauma-responsive action plan. Registration for the webinar is available [online](#).

Hope you can join us!

Arlin Peebles
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May is Mental Health Awareness Month

jherzog@tchd.net Julie Herzog
To: pdurley@roe53.net pdurley@roe53.net

Monday, May 13, 2019 at 1:23:05 PM Central Daylight Time

Patrick,

May is Children's Mental Health Awareness Month. Can you share this newsletter with all schools with ECE – 3rd grade?

Thank you!



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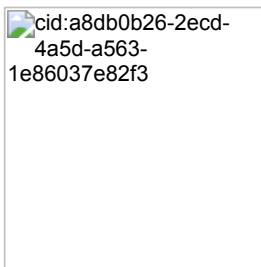
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pdurley@roe53.net Patrick Durley
To: 53principals@roe53.net 53Principals

Monday, May 13, 2019 at 10:11:52 PM Central Daylight Time

Pre-K through 3rd grades - good newsletter.

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pdurley@roe53.net Patrick Durley
To: jherzog@tchd.net Julie Herzog

Monday, May 13, 2019 at 10:12:04 PM Central Daylight Time

Done. Thanks, Julie!
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Patrick Durley

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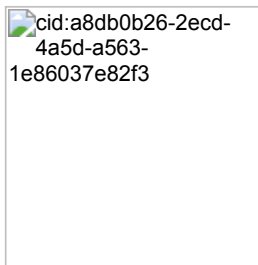
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Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 8:27:38AM Central Daylight Time

Thank you!

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Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 10:12 PM
To: Julie Herzog
Subject: Re: May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Done. Thanks, Julie!
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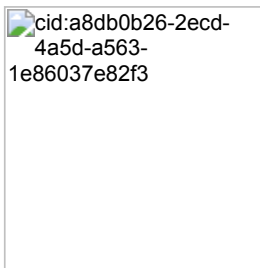
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Thank you for attending Mental Health Awareness Month Webinar: Building Resilient Schools through the REACH Statewide Initiative

customer@gotowebinar.com Webinar Administrator
To: webinar@isbe.net
To: tolsen@roe53.net

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 3:15:32 PM Central Daylight Time

Mental Health Awareness Month Webinar: Building Resilient Schools through the REACH Statewide Initiative

Mon, May 8, 2023 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM CDT

We hope you enjoyed our webinar.

Please send your questions, comments and feedback to:

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Fw: Forward to Area 3 Regional Sups

Ivigor@roe1.net Leslie Vigor

Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 8:48:45AM Central Daylight Time

To: jdonaldson@roe33.net Jessica Donaldson, erlybegn@roe26.net Kate McGruder, mcoconate@peoriaroe.org Michelle Coconate, tolsen@roe53.net Theresa Olsen, ccraddock@roe51.org Christine Craddock, ekirlin@roe1.net Erica Kirlin

Coaches, Jill will be forwarding this message to your Regional Sups. As I stated on the last virtual meeting agenda, I don't expect you to forward this on unless you would like. Just keeping you aware of communications coming from the HUB.

From: Leslie Vigor <lvigor@roe1.net>

Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 9:08 AM

To: Jill Reis <jreis@roe1.net>

Subject: Forward to Area 3 Regional Sups on FRIDAY

ISBE has asked that this message be forwarded to the schools in our area from known addresses. This did go out to everyone once from ISBE, and this will be the last attempt at finishing these opportunities out. We have forwarded this on to all schools in ROE 1 and ask that you consider doing the same in your region. Your coaches are aware that this is coming to you.

Please consider the three opportunities below and pass on to your colleagues they would best serve.

We appreciate you.

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Three Ways to Kickstart Mental Health Awareness Month

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, a time dedicated to fostering a culture of support and understanding around mental health. It's crucial to prioritize mental health and well-being in schools, where young minds are constantly growing and developing. Here are three opportunities for school leaders to support mental health in your school communities.

1. Resilient Schools Roadmap Pilot Survey

A statewide collective of mental health professionals and educators is developing a **Resilient Schools Roadmap** to offer all Illinois schools a set of tools to measure and

bolster students' access to mental health and social-emotional learning and trauma-responsive supports, and to connect schools to relevant resources.

School principals are invited to fill out the [Resilient Schools Roadmap Pilot Survey](#) by **May 10**. It takes 10-15 minutes to complete. Participating schools will receive access to a data dashboard that reflects both strengths and areas for growth. The roadmap process will help you understand your school's most pressing needs and connect with resources to support students and staff. Contact REACH@luriechildrens.org with any questions.

2. SEL Well-Being Survey

ISBE has partnered with the American Institutes for Research® to conduct a Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Well-Being Survey, available to all K-12 districts in Illinois. The anonymous survey will provide schools with invaluable insights about student and staff well-being. Participating schools will receive an aggregate report with results this summer.

Please complete this short [interest form](#) if you would like to participate in the survey, which will be administered through June 2024. The SEL study team will follow up to schedule a survey date between April and June that works best for your school(s). Please email LearningRenewal_SELstudy@air.org with any questions.

3. Bulk Registration for Suicide Prevention Training

Suicide is a leading cause of death for youth between the ages of 12 and 19, so educators are uniquely positioned to identify warning signs and provide vital support. ISBE is partnering with the Illinois Department of Public Health to offer free suicide prevention training courses tailored to empower and educate our educators. We invite you to take a proactive stance in preventing tragedies and fostering a supportive environment for those in need.

Bulk registration is open, enabling district leaders to offer a one-credit hour course to all school personnel. The one-credit hour course can be completed by school personnel any time in calendar year 2024 if bulk registration is completed by the district by May 31.

Districts may contact klee64@bsd.uchicago.edu to inquire about bulk registration. Contact DPH.Safety@illinois.gov with all other questions.



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Fw: Info Share: Upcoming Mental Health Trainings to offer districts

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Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 8:42:59AM Central Standard Time

To: jdonaldson@roe33.net Jessica Donaldson, erlybegn@roe26.net Kate McGruder, mcoconate@peoriaroe.org Michelle Coconate, tolsen@roe53.net Theresa Olsen, ccraddock@roe51.org Christine Craddock, ekirlin@roe1.net Erica Kirlin

Passing these on in case you have any districts interested.

From: Aleza Berube (formerly Sitarz) <aberube@stressandtrauma.org>

Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 4:38 PM

To: Maureen McAbee <mmcabee@dupageroe.org>; Sharon Frys <sfrys@dupageroe.org>; Allison Pierson <apierson@roe4.org>; Leslie Vigor <lvigor@roe1.net>; Carrie Hogue <chogue@roe39.org>; Ryan Wamser <rwamser@roe40.com>; Chrissy Wiggs <cwiggs@roe21.org>

Cc: Smith, Mashana <massmith@luriechildrens.org>; STREHLOW JULIA <JSTREHLO@isbe.net>; Mandy Horn <mhorn@roe21.org>; Curry, Caryn <cacurry@luriechildrens.org>

Subject: Info Share: Upcoming Mental Health Trainings to offer districts

Hello Directors,

Please see the message below from Dr. Wolf and consider sharing with your coaches and schools!

Cheers,

Aleza

Aleza Berube, M.Ed. (she/her)

Director of Outpatient and School-Based Services

[Stress & Trauma Treatment Center](#)

Click [here](#) to set up a meeting for us!

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The following trainings are available to all districts for free through the TISS-REACHOUT grant with Illinois State Board of Education and SAMSHA. Please share with your districts.

Registration links:

[Behavioral Health Teams Overview Training Session #1: February 1 or February 2](#)

[Behavioral Health Teams Overview Training Session #2: March 6 or March 7](#)

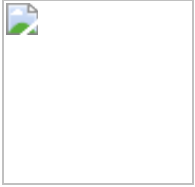
[School Based Medicaid Training: February 7th](#)

[Best Practices for Mental Health Screening in Schools: February 15](#)

I have attached a quick overview of the TISS-REACH OUT grant that is focused on Area 1 and 6. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on trainings your districts could use concerning behavioral health trainings.

Please forward this widely!

Take care,
Dr. Diane Wolf
Grant Facilitator



Attachments:

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BHT Training Session #1 Feb 1 or 2, 2024.pdf 859k

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