

Dear Academy Members,

In the ongoing conflict between Gaza and Israel, children are particularly vulnerable to the effects of violence and instability. Recognizing their unique challenges, our commitment is to provide support and care, ensuring their safety and well-being during these difficult times. By working together, we can contribute to a more peaceful future, ensuring the safety and well-being of all children in the region.

The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP)

The NASP has developed valuable guidance on how to support children impacted by the violence in the Middle East. Additional resources are also provided below to assist caregivers and educators in facilitating discussions regarding war, conflict, and complex world events.



Supporting Youth Affected by the Violence in Israel and Gaza



Talking to Children About Violence



<u>How to Talk to</u> <u>Kids About</u> <u>Violence, Crime,</u> <u>and War</u>

Upcoming Webinars & Events

The 2023 Annual Conference on Advancing School Mental Health Dates: December 5 - December 7, 2023

Time: All Day Location: New Orleans, Louisiana

Each year, the Annual Conference on Advancing School Mental Health brings together leaders, practitioners, researchers, family members, advocates, and other partners in the school mental health field to share the latest research and best practices. The conference emphasizes a shared school-family-community agenda to bring mental health promotion, prevention, and intervention to students and families as part of a multi-tiered system of supports. This conference is hosted by the National Center for School Mental Health (NCSMH).

Register Here

Leading Schoolwide SEL: Preparing for the Journey Ahead Session Dates: January 30, February 13, February 27, and March 12, 2024 Time: Tuesdays, 3:00 p.m. EST Location: Online

The workshop series offers practical strategies to bring back to your community. Suggested actions between sessions will provide a record of your work and help you and your leadership team facilitate a collaborative process to develop a vision, goals, and actions steps with your school community to implement schoolwide SEL.

- January 30, 2024: Establishing a Shared Understanding of Systemic SEL
- February 13, 2024: Strengthening Adult SEL
- February 27, 2024: Promoting SEL for Students
- March 12, 2024: Putting It All Together: Implementing Your Plan

Register Here until January 16, 2024!

