



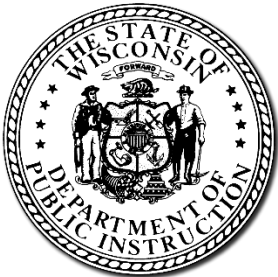
Proclamation


BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Children's Mental Health Week

- WHEREAS: mental health is how we think, feel, and act and is a part of overall health and wellness; and
- WHEREAS: one in two Wisconsin youth struggle with anxiety, and one in three Wisconsin youth feel sad or hopeless; and
- WHEREAS: one in five children in Wisconsin have a diagnosed mental health condition, but less than half access treatment; and
- WHEREAS: almost everyone experiences a mental health challenge at some point in life; and
- WHEREAS: mental wellness is heavily impacted by social determinants of health like income, housing, and availability of health care; and
- WHEREAS: practicing resiliency and building social connections can provide relief and support to young people; and
- WHEREAS: our kids are our greatest resource, and they are not alone in managing their mental health; and
- WHEREAS: the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in setting apart a time each May to reaffirm our commitment to supporting and prioritizing the mental health of our state's kids, youth, and families,
- THEREFORE: I, Jill K. Underly, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, declare May 7 – May 13, 2023, as Children's Mental Health Week, and I call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools in Wisconsin to commit to increased action to build, fund, and maintain appropriate and sustainable mental health supports and accessible services for all of Wisconsin's children.

Children's Mental Health Week
May 7 – May 13, 2023





Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent

