



## SAFER SCHOOLS AND CAMPUSES **BEST PRACTICES CLEARINGHOUSE**

### *Save-The-Date*

### *- Lessons from the Field Webinar Series -*

## *Supporting the Social and Emotional Learning Needs of Afghan and Other Newcomer Students*

*Wednesday, March 16, 2022 | 3:00 – 4:15 PM ET*

**Attention: State and District Leaders, School Administrators, Educators, Student Support Personnel, Family & Community Engagement Specialists, Parents, and Education Stakeholders**

The U.S. Department of Education is hosting a webinar series to address hot topics that are on the top of the educators' minds. After sharing federal updates, the series features lessons learned and best practices from faculty, staff, schools, districts, institutions of higher education, early childhood education providers, and other places of educational instruction. It also shares a variety of useful resources.

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of Safe and Supportive Schools and the Office of English Language Acquisition, the National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments (NCSSE) invites you to join the next Lessons from the Field webinar, *Supporting the Social and Emotional Learning Needs of Afghan and Other Newcomer Students*.

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Please join us for valuable information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Department of Education on strategies to assist Afghan and other newcomer students to American schools. As part of the Operation Allies Welcome, these federal agencies recognize the immediate and urgent need to provide high-quality, culturally responsive approaches to support the social and emotional needs of Afghan students into their new learning environments. The information presented will also be relevant to other newcomer student populations. A panel discussion with practitioners from the field directly engaged with supporting newcomers will follow.

### **Speakers/Panelists**

- **Jessica Swan, Ph.D.:** Education Program Specialist, Office of English Language Acquisition, U.S. Department of Education
- **Ruth Ryder:** Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, U.S. Department of Education
- **Kabrillen Jones:** Chief of Staff, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, U.S. Department of Education
- **Jorge Verlenden, Ph.D.:** Behavioral Scientist, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- **Shereen Naser, Ph.D.:** Assistant Professor, Cleveland State University

- **Lysette Lemay and Lisa Levasseur:** Elk Grove Unified School District, Elk Grove, CA
- **Molly Hegwood and Alexandra Castillo:** Metro Nashville Public Schools, Nashville, TN
- **Nate Dunstan:** Oakland Unified School District, Oakland, CA

## Related Documents

This event will reference the following resources, which we encourage you to access in advance of the webinar to inform participation:

### *U.S. Department of Education Resources*

- [K-12 Resources for Afghan Evacuees—Chief State School Officer Letter, January 14, 2022](#)
- [U.S. Department of Education Keeping the Promise Website](#)
- [U.S. Department of Education Newcomer Toolkit](#)
- [National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition](#)

### *CDC Resources*

- **Immigrant, Refugee, and Migrant Health Resources**
  - [Immigrant and Refugee Health and COVID-19 Information](#)
  - [Key State Contacts | HHS The Administration for Children and Families](#)
- **CDC Health Resources for Schools, Youth, and Parents**
  - [Adolescent and School Health](#)
  - [Adolescent Health Resources for Parents](#)
  - [BAM! Body and Mind](#)
  - [Children's Mental Health](#)
  - [Developmental Milestones](#)
  - [Social and Emotional Climate and Learning](#)

For your reference, slides for this presentation will be posted on the [event webpage](#) on the day of the event. The recording and other webinar materials will be posted a day after.

## Registration

You must register to participate in this presentation.

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Please contact [NCSSE](#) if you have any questions. We look forward to sharing this information with you and hearing from you about the important work you are doing in your schools, communities, and states to meet the needs of your students and staff as they return to in-person learning.

### ***More on the Lessons from the Field Webinar Series***

To access archived materials from previous webinars and to find out what is coming next, go [here](#).