

May 2020 REL Corner: Addressing Student and Educator Trauma

[Learn about the REL Appalachia and its work](#), and dive into these resources from across the REL program on identifying and addressing trauma experienced by students and educators.

- [Cross-State Collaborative to Support Schools in the Opioid Crisis](#). This REL Appalachia project page provides blogs, webinars, and other resources to support educators in identifying, selecting, and effectively implementing evidence-based practices for supporting students and educators experiencing consequences of trauma related to the opioid crisis.
- [Voices from the Field: The Importance of Trauma-Informed Practices](#). This 6-minute video from REL West features two national experts in trauma and resilience who discuss why trauma-informed practices are important for students and schools and share ideas for educators to strengthen the culture of youth-serving organizations and to better support struggling students.
- [What is the evidence on interventions for supporting the social-emotional and educational progress of foster children, particularly those who are justice-involved or who have experienced trauma?](#) This Ask A REL response from REL Appalachia shares research reports and descriptive articles that highlight evidence-based interventions and strategies for foster youth who have experienced trauma.
- [What does the literature/research suggest about the effect of unexpected school closures, such as natural disasters, on student achievement?](#) This Ask A REL response from REL Mid-Atlantic shares research reports and descriptive articles on the academic impact of natural disasters on students and how to support student learning during these times.
- [Research-Based, Trauma-Responsive Education Practices](#). This webinar from REL Southwest examined trauma in schools, current research on the topic, and strategies for creating a trauma-responsive school environment.

- [Resource roundup: Trauma-responsive practices](#). This blog post from REL Southwest features blogs, webinars, Ask A REL responses, and other resources from across the REL program on trauma-informed care and trauma-responsive practices.
- [Learning From Each Other: State Efforts to Address the Opioid Epidemic and Its Consequences on Schools in Appalachia](#). This blog post from REL Appalachia describes how the education system is supporting students, teachers, communities, and families address the opioid crisis through trauma-informed care.
- [Cross-State Collaborative to Support Schools in the Opioid Crisis Meeting](#). These meeting materials from an April 2020 REL Appalachia event provide helpful strategies for educators to identify and address student trauma, including a menu of trauma-informed programs for schools.
- [What does the research say about supports for the different needs of traumatized children?](#) This Ask A REL response from REL Northeast & Islands shares research reports and descriptive articles that provide strategies for supporting children dealing with trauma.