

## **School Behavioral Health, Student Wellness, and Suicide Prevention**

*Wednesday, September 16, 12-1pm*

[Via Zoom \(access the Zoom link for this session here\)](#)

**Dr. Mark Weist and the Behavioral Alliance of South Carolina have led the charge on best practices in school based mental health. Dr. Weist's team will share the latest strategies for suicide prevention in K12 schools featuring discussions with Dr. Weist, June Greenlaw, Taylor Davis, and Erin Scherder.**

**Mark D. Weist** received a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Virginia Tech in 1991 after completing his internship at Duke University, and is a Professor in Clinical-Community and School Psychology in the Department of Psychology at the University of South Carolina. He was on the faculty of the University of Maryland for 19 years where he helped to found and direct the Center for School Mental Health (see [www.schoolmentalhealth.org](http://www.schoolmentalhealth.org)), providing leadership to the advancement of school mental health (SMH) policies and programs in the United States. He has edited or developed 14 books and has published and presented widely in SMH and in the areas of trauma, violence and youth, evidence-based practice, cognitive behavioral therapy, Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS), and on an Interconnected Systems Framework (ISF) for SMH and PBIS. He is currently co-leading a regional conference on school behavioral health (reflecting integrated SMH and PBIS, see [www.schoolbehavioralhealth.org](http://www.schoolbehavioralhealth.org)), and leading two randomized controlled trials exploring strategies to improve the effectiveness and impacts of these programs.

**Erin Scherder** is a Licensed Psycho-Educational Specialist and School Psychologist practicing advocacy for mental health and wellness for students, families, and community.

**June Headley Greenlaw, M.Ed.** is the Consortium Manager for the Research Consortium on Children and Families at the University of South Carolina. Ms. Greenlaw works on multiple research projects, including the Behavioral Alliance of South Carolina (BASC) with Dr. Weist and his team. She is a member of the Leadership Team and has an advising role in all aspects of the project. Ms. Greenlaw helps to coordinate the Realm 1 activities, including the Southeastern School Behavioral Health Conference.

**Taylor Davis** Ed.S, LPC serves as Program Manager for the Behavioral Alliance of South Carolina (BASC). Prior to taking a leadership role with BASC she served as School Suicide Prevention Program Coordinator for the SAMHSA GLS Grant implementing comprehensive prevention strategies in SC schools and communities.

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