

A Local Perspective

- 27% of referrals for special education services in 18-19 *primarily* related to emotional concerns
- Many other referrals for academic weaknesses describe social and emotional issues as secondary concerns
- In the past two years, 5 students were placed out of district for therapeutic services and several more students have been identified with a similar level of need
- 14 students were placed on Home Instruction in 18-19 due to psychiatric hospitalizations or participation in short term therapeutic day programs for crisis situations
- Counselors and CST have provided mental health referrals to families of more than 50 students district wide so far this year.
- High performing students, average level students, and struggling learners are equally impacted
- Mental health issues are directly impacting academic achievement, social relationships, behavior and attendance
- 40% of K-12 districts in Middlesex County have implemented a Mental Health program