

Grand Erie Mental Health and Addictions Annual Action Plan (2024-2025)



Priority Area # 1: Life Promotion

Goals	SMART Objectives
Bolster staff capacity in life promotion and suicide prevention	Provide mandatory training in board suicide protocol and life promotion Increase staff understanding of their role in suicide prevention including responding to students experiencing thoughts of suicide
Increase capacity of school mental health professionals to support students using brief interventions	Enhance focused training for PSSP staff on brief interventions (including virtual care protocols) so staff know when and how to use them effectively with students

Priority Area # 2: Leading Safe and Mentally Healthy Schools

Goals	SMART Objectives
Partner with caregiver(s) and community agencies to enhance caregiver mental health literacy	Increase caregiver partnerships to access education surrounding mental health supports and attendance
Enhance capacity of administrators to lead safe and mentally healthy schools	Provide training for school administrators in the attendance strategy regarding responding to mental health absences

Priority Area # 3: Partnerships

Goals	SMART Objectives
Enhance capacity of administrators to lead safe and mentally healthy schools	Provide training for school administrators on how to embed self-regulation practices in their schools

Priority Area # 4: Identity Affirming Mental Health Literacy

Goals	SMART Objectives
Enhance mental health and substance use literacy among educators	Promote and provide access to SMHO Mental Health Literacy course to be implemented in all Grade 10 Careers courses
Enhance mental health and substance use literacy of students	Continued implementation of the Mental Health Literacy 7/8 curriculum in all new grade 7 classes Implement evidenced based programming surrounding substance (including vaping) prevention (Preventure etc.)