

Center for the Advancement of Mental Health Practices in Schools

The [Center for the Advancement of Mental Health Practices in Schools](#) (CAMHPS) is a collaboration between the Missouri Department of Mental Health and the MU College of Education's Department of Education, School, and Counseling Psychology. CAMHPS' goal is to develop a strength-based approach to addressing learning issues and promote well-being in accessible forums for children, families, classrooms, communities, teachers, and other school personnel. CAMHPS was founded in response to a shift in state and federal agencies' research, policies, and practices from the prevention of mental illness to the promotion of mental health in children. CAMHPS develops and offers evidence-based training and practices to serve as a connection between school systems and community mental health agencies who work with children up to age 18. CAMHPS works at the local, state- and national-level to address the developmental challenges, psycho-social issues, and environmental stressors students may experience in school and at home.