Compassionate Schools: A Washington State Initiative

The Compassionate School framework in Washington State works with existing programming to meet the needs of students at risk of academic failure due to non-academic barriers. The framework, outlined in our book The Heart of Learning and Teaching, provides foundational information that addresses the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences, neuroscience, self-care, partnerships with students/families/community, and strategies to provide an environment that supports both wellbeing and learning.

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