Mental health education has the power to prevent suffering and save lives.





The Clay Center for Young Healthy Minds Shining light on mental health through education.





A Message From Our Managing Director

Dear Friends,



Michelle Marshall, MBA Managing Director

As we approach our 10-year anniversary, we look back over the last decade with tremendous gratitude for those who helped to establish and continue to support our mission of preventing, reducing and de-stigmatizing youth mental health through education. The ongoing and long-term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, coupled with the child mental health emergency as pronounced by the Surgeon General, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and the Children's Hospital Association, greatly reinforces the critical need for our educational programs and resources now more than ever!

We continued to see significant growth across our multi-media platforms and remain deeply committed to helping parents and caregivers understand our unique 3W model - What to look for, When to worry and What to do, when facing a mental health concern. We know that education has the power to save lives, but public mental health education has not been a priority – and that needs to change for future generations.

Over this past year, we have also worked collaboratively to enhance our strategic plan, formalize our development committee and increase our educational offerings and look forward to sharing more on our progress in the months ahead.

Together, we have an opportunity to effect real change for the wellbeing of future generations!

Warm regards,

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Michelle Marshall, MBA Managing Director



Mission

Our mission is to prevent, reduce, and de-stigmatize youth mental health conditions through education.



People have a psychiatric disorder at any given time.

People will suffer from a mental illness over the course of their life.



75% Of mental health conditions first develop during childhood, adolescence, or young adulthood.



Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among people ages 10-24.

The Clay Center Difference: Practical, Empowering Resources

Without knowing the **"3W's": What to look for, When to worry, and What to do** potential significant mental health problems are missed, disorders are overlooked, suffering is increased, and sadly lives lost, often by suicide, overdose, or other risky behavior.

Our practical, online educational resources empower caring adults to support the mental, emotional, cognitive, and behavioral well-being of children, teens, and young adults. We accomplish this through a multimedia approach that delivers high-quality original content in multiple formats, including articles, a podcast, and short videos and films. Our education is presented in an easy-to-understand manner that is both engaging and entertaining, and is continually updated based on new research, current events, and user feedback.







Focus Areas

Our Goals

Through public mental health education, we aim to:



Our work is guided by the social ecological model framework (McLeroy et al 1998)

> "In an era where more and more youth and adults turn to social media for information, the Clay Center's free online educational resources...provide that information and counter myths and disinformation."

- Rebecca W. Brendel, MD, JD 2022 President American Psychiatric Association





Expanding School Education

We reached classrooms around the country through self-care resources.

45K

Website Views



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Media Collaborations

2.8B

Viewers Educated

Live, Weekly Mental Health Beat Every Thursday at 5:30 PM Dr. Booth-Watkins provided live advice on Child Mental Health reaching 2.8 Billion viewers.



Children's Mental Health Awareness

We partnered with state agencies to "light it up green" across Massachusetts, to highlight the importance of child mental health.



Gun Violence Crisis Response



Viewers Educated

Less than 24 Hours following the devastating tragedy that occurred in Uvalde, TX, we provided the media with much-needed insights and resources to support their local communities. We reached more than 12 Million viewers through a range of news, hospital and social media.

Engagement and Impact



31% Increase in Returning Website Visitors

Website



Reached Annually



Newsletter



41% Growth in Newsletter Subscribers

Earned Media Engagement



Highlighted by Media Sources Including: 5.6B

The Washington Post



HUFFPOST

392% Growth in Reach





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"In my role, I set up parent/caregiver wellness education events. The resources provided by the Clay Center are always outstanding."

- School Wellness Director

School Education

To date, we have engaged thousands of students, teachers, and parents by making our educational videos digitally accessible to classrooms and communities.

Suicide Prevention Film:

This film helped to increase dialog about the impact of suicide on students and their families and communities.

8K



8,000 Attendees at Screenings and Panel Discussion

Post-Screening Action Steps by College Campuses:

- Increase community forum spaces for young people to obtain resources on how to talk about mental health.
- Plan mental health first aid sessions focused on youth.
- Host more emotional wellbeing events for young people.
- Expand peer and student mentoring programs.

Self Care for Resilience Educational Series:

350K

350,000 Viewers Engaged in Education Series Content

25,000 Hours Watched

6K+

Web Visits and Video Views from Classroom Portals

Podcast

Shrinking It Down: Mental Health Made Simple

Extra special thanks to:

Steven Schlozman, MD Co-host, Seasons 1-3

Ellen Braaten, PhD Recurring Guest, Seasons 1-3



"I loved the interview for its authenticity and simplicity. I also enjoyed the different angles from which you looked at the issue."

– Podcast Subscriber

LISTEN NOTES®





Thank you to our featured guests!

Season 1

Eric I. Lu, Films That Heal **Kathleen**, Hope Beyond Anorexia

Season 2

Robert, Our Greatest Strengths, Part 2 J. Stuart Ablon, PhD, Changeable Susan Sprich, PhD, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Rebecca Schrag Hershberg, PhD, Surviving Tantrums With Toddlers Jodi Gilman, PhD, Cannabis and the Teen Brain Elisa H. Hamilton, Illuminating Mental Health Through Art

Season 3

Rand Spero, CFP, Money and Mental Health Ming Sun, CHES, Stay In Shape Anne Fishel, PhD, Making Family Dinner Possible Jordan Smoller, MD, ScD, Nature vs. Nurture Hillary Hurst Bush, PhD, Growing Up With a Parent on the Autism Spectrum Khadijah Booth Watkins, MD, PhD, COVID-19 and College Students Elizabeth G. Pinsky, MD, Climate Anxiety and Kids J. Stuart Ablon, PhD, Managing Challenging Behavior During Stressful Times Timothy Wilens, MD, Medications for Better or Worse? O'Neil Britton, MD, Moving Towards Anti-Racism for Future Generations

Season 4

Mary Lyons Hunter, PsyD, The Power of Community Health During COVID-19 Joseph Betancourt, MD, MPH, Tackling Racism Internally to Better Serve Our Communities Michael Robb, PhD, Media Literacy and Mental Health Janet Wozniak, MD, The Nuts and Bolts of Telepsychiatry Mary Dunne, Teen Breakup Violence Part 1 Malcolm Astley, Teen Breakup Violence Part 2 Darshan Mehta, MD, MPH, Medicating With Meditation? Robyn Thom, MD, A Closer Look at High-Functioning Autism Angel Caraballo, MD, Mental Health Challenges and Latinx Children and Teens Bernard Kinane, MD, Everything You've Wanted to Know About Sleep

Season 5

John F. Kelly, PhD, ABPP, Alcohol and Adolescents Holly Peek, MD, MPH, Body Image and Young People Mai Uchida, MD, Young Athlete Mental Health Annabel Reddick, A Teens Take on the Pandemic Valerie Grison-Alsop, The Power of Peer Support Julia Esposito, The Power of Peer Support Gagan Joshi, MD, How Do you Find Out If Your Teenager Has Undiagnosed ASD? Abigail Donovan, MD, How Does Schizophrenia Affect a Young Person and Their Caregivers? Marshall Forstein, MD, How Do I Talk to My Kids About Gender and Sexuality?



Our Team

Leadership and Staff



Our staff are dedicated to promoting and supporting the mental, emotional, and behavioral well-being of young people through their work at the Clay Center.



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