Childhood & Adolescent Mental Health in the Classroom

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The Issues

- Rapidly rising mental disorders in youth
 - Social and behavioral disorders
- Increased levels of stress and burnout among teachers

- Stress
- Trauma
- Behavioral disorders
- Burnout

- Self-Esteem
- Self-Control
- Mastery
- Emotional language
- Positive Psychology

The Objectives

- Understand the problems
 - Creating a mental health toolkit (terminology, prevalence, common misconceptions)
- Create solutions!
 - Using a diverse range of materials (research articles, children's books, activities, social media...) to develop curricula that will address mental health issues in the classroom.

Example 1

- Emotional volcano activity
 - Science, art
 - Talk about feelings
 - Explosion of emotions (behavioral problems)



Example 2

- Social media analysis Tik Tok enhanced beauty feature
 - Social Studies, English, Literature, Art
 - Ethics/critical thinking Impacts on youth
 - Negative impacts on influencers





Other Examples

- The biology of emotions
 - Bruce Lipton PhD & Candace Pert PhD
- Mental health across cultures
 - · Impact of race, class, and gender on mental health
- The quarter-life crisis
 - Stress, trauma, and living during the age of technology

Thank you