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GRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

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From Words to Action: Say-Do Correspondence in Prosocial Behaviors

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Ruth Perez Barron

Let's Talk About it in Spanish! A Guide to Spanish Parent Training

Breanna Chalupnik

Teaching School Staff to Implement Preference Assessments

Olga Fracundo

Using High-Probability Instructional Sequences with a Child with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Lorena Govea

Functional Communication to Decrease Challenging Behavior

Justin Landa

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Waiting Doesn't Have to Hurt

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Kara Pacheco

Increasing Functional Communication in a Preschool-Aged Child

Angelina Rodriguez

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Behavioral Skills Training on the Implementation of Phase 1 of the Picture Exchange Communication System

Sheri Tos

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Victoria Vazquez

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Jose Aispuro

School Counselor's Role in Helping Undocumented Students Overcome the Barriers to College Matriculation

Chris Alexander

Reducing Test Anxiety Through Mindfulness-Based Strategies in High School Settings

Kayla Alvarado

Career Readiness Through Career and Technical Education Pathways

Erica Andrade

Bridging Education: College and Career Readiness Through Student Lenses

Isela Andrade-Perez

Understanding Parent Perspectives on Parent Involvement and its Impact on Student Academic Achievement

Sylvia Anguiano

The Role of a School Counselor in Supporting English Language Learners Towards Reclassification and Elective Courses

Silvia Angulo

Supporting English Learner Through Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)

Mariah Araujo

The Movement of Gamification

Annamae Aubrey

Increasing Academic Motivation and Identity Development through a Positive School Culture

Carla Bahena-Urquiza

The Impact of Low-Income Status on Parental Involvement in Hispanic Communities

Carmen Becerra

High School Equivalency Driving Factors in Adult Schools

Aubree Castillo

The Impact of Foster Care on High School students Education and Emotional Well-being From the Perspective of School Staff

Veronica Chacon

Mental Health in Schools: A Comprehensive Approach to Student Support

Brianna Chavez

What are the similarities and differences between parenting style groups related to how they are involved in their child's schooling?

Rosalia Comonfort

Perception of English Language Learners in School Sitting

Leticia Cordova

The Teacher Perception on School Counselors: Role, Collaboration and Effectiveness

Sabrina Daza

Social Emotional Learning in the Education System

Cyinna Drotos

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Kayla Eriksen

Understanding School Avoidance in Students with Disabilities

Sandra Garcia

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Kaila Garcia

Addressing Discipline in Education: An Exploration of Suspension Perceptions

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Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports in Alternative Education

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Influencing Student Outcomes

Rachel Griffin

Best Practices for Cyberbullying Intervention Via Lived
Experience of School Leaders

Shimeka Griffith

Trauma-Informed Practices for children with special
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Jayda Guizar

Social-Emotional Learning: The Impact on Student Mental
Health

Nancy Gutierrez

Benefits of Faith Integration and Learning

Jesus Hernandez

Centering Student Culture: Stakeholder Perceptions of
Culturally Relevant SEL in a Rural Middle School

Ramon Hernandez

The Lived Experiences of Latino/a/x Students in K–12
Education and Their Aspirations for Postsecondary
Education

Adan Herrera

Understanding the Emotional Consequences of
Technology Use in Education

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The Stakeholders' Perspectives on Mental Health Crisis in
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All Roads Forward: Preparing Students for Diverse Futures
Beyond High School

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Foster Youth Educational Disparities

Lamguene Kindavong

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College Student Mental Health in the Transition from High School to College: A Qualitative Study

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School Improvement through Administrative Protocols

Jesus Lopez

Extracurricular Activities and Academic Achievements

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Importance of Parental Involvement and Student Success in Alternative Education Setting

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Newcomer Students in the Public Education System

Zarel Luna

The Influence of Parental Perception on Hispanic Children's Access to Mental Health

Celine Madera

The Role and Value of a School Counselor at the Primary Level

Mario Madrigal

Building Belonging: Rural Schools' Perspective on LGBTQI+ Youth

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Helping Students with Social Anxiety succeed Academically: School-based interventions

Alyssa Martinez

Understanding Disciplinary Practices within the School System

Imelda Mendoza

Social Emotional Learning and its Effects on Behavior in Young Children in Early Childhood Education PK-5

Elijah Moore

Factors Contributing to African American Students' Underperformance in Mathematics

Michael Neyland

Examining Elementary Educators' Self-Efficacy and Perceived Effectiveness of ADHD Accommodations

Sandra Nunez

Foster Youth & Challenges

Rose-Marie Obrey

Parental Involvement and Student Outcomes: A Dual-Perspective Study

Faith Parra

A Circle of Support: Honoring School Counselors' Work in Supporting Pregnant Teens in Rural Central Valley Schools

Colton Parson

Examining Teacher Burnout: Strengths and Gaps of Supportive Measures for Alleviation

Crystal Perez

The Impact of Early Intervention on the Mental Health Outcomes of Students with Learning Disabilities

Danielle Quihuiz

Mindsets, Awareness, Practices, and Professional Learning for Preventing and Responding to Student Sex Trafficking

Maria Ramirez

Life in College: The journey of first generation students from High School to College/Career

Althea Reyes

The Effects of Social Media on Academic Performance and Self-Discipline Amongst Student Athletes

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Chronic Absenteeism Among English Learners During Elementary School

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Exploring the Effects of a School-Based Mindfulness Intervention on Student Stress, Focus, and Engagement

Emily Rubalcava

The Role of School Counselors in Providing Academic Support to Foster Youth: Challenges, Strategies, and Outcomes

Lexi Rubio

ACES in the Classroom: Impact of Childhood Trauma on Student Wellbeing and School Success

Leslie Ruiz

First-Generation Latinx High School Students and College-Readiness Opportunities

Rene Ruiz

Hispanic and African American Male Suspension Rates

Zulema Samaniego

Perspectives of Administrators, School Counselors, and Teachers on the Implementation of Restorative Practices

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Supporting First-Generation Students and Enhancing Their Sense of Belonging

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Understanding the Influence of Social-Emotional Learning on Suicidal Ideation Among Adolescents in High School

Nayely Silva

The Role of School Educators in Providing Support for First Generation Mexican American Students

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Juvenile Justice, Education and Rehabilitation: Perspectives from the Formerly Incarcerated

Lucia Tejada

Effect of School Sports Participation on Self-Esteem and Academic Resilience in Students Experiencing Homelessness

Marlen Valerio

Middle School Student Perceptions on Social Factors Correlated to Drug and Alcohol Consumption

Anthony Vang

Conflict Resolution Skills: A Study of Online and In-Person Interactions

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The Teachers' Perspectives on the Impact of Student Engagement

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Trauma Informed Practice in Low Income Middle Schools

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Integrating the Multi-Tiered System of Supports in Schools to Help Hmong American Students with Mental Health and Counseling Services

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Building on a Stable Foundation: ACEs, Resilience, Life Satisfaction, and Success in Postsecondary Education

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The Influence of Social Integration on Student Belonging and Resilience Across Generational Status

Nathan Armstrong

Using Check-In/Check-Out to Improve Student Attendance

Jasmin Arreola

Using Check-In/Check-Out to Improve Classroom Behavior for Elementary Students in A Classroom

Elizabeth Arteaga

Exploring Chronic Absenteeism in Special Education

Janette Avila Zavaleta

Teacher Perceptions of a Self-Monitoring Homework Checklist

Gabriela Berben Rodriguez

Training an elementary staff member in the implementation of the token board system to improve implementation fidelity and accuracy

Anthony Bernal

Mindfulness and Self-Care as Predictors of Burnout in Graduate Students and School Psychologists

Emily Bracamonte

Effects of Mindfulness-Based Journaling on High School Students with IEPs

Adriana Cabrera-Lugo

The Impact of Structured Self-Care Coaching on Burnout in School Psychologists

Julie Camacho-Vargas

Utilizing Behavioral Skills Training Through A Token Board System to Enhance Educators Skills Within the Classroom

Yesenia Cervantes

Home-School Collaboration & Academic Outcomes in First-Generation Hispanic Students

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Effects of Functional Communication Training on Aggressive Behavior in a Kindergarten Student with Autism: A Single AB Design (Archival Review)

Adilene Cortez

The Impact of a Social-Emotional Learning and Social Skills Intervention on Teacher-Perceived Prosocial Behavior and Engagement in Middle School Students with Disabilities

Paola Espinoza

Perceived Environmental Support and Its Effects on Student Motivation and Academic Success

Danielle Fleeman

Social Skills Group and the Impact on Relationship Quality

Alice Flores

From Burnout to Balance: Evaluating a School District's Training Program to Reduce Stress and Improve Self-Care in Staff

Omar Gamboa

Effectiveness of Social Skills Group on Externalizing Behaviors in Second Grade Students

Magali Garcia-Fernandez

Grit and Life Satisfaction Among College Students in the Post-Pandemic Era: A Correlational Study

Angelica Garcia-Maldonado

School Psychologist Perspective of the IEP Collaboration

Carmen Garcia-Russell

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Behavioral Goal Setting and Student Noncompliance

Tiffany Gonzales

Boosting Motivation: A Study on the Effectiveness of Praise and Rewards in Reducing Missing Assignments

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CBT based coping skills intervention for elementary school students with Anxiety

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Linking Teacher Engagement Strategies, Student Engagement, and Attendance in Upper Elementary Classrooms

Madison Kruger

The Relationship Between Academic Accommodations and Academic Outcomes in Students with ADHD

Emma Linneman

Evaluating the Effectiveness of Growth Mind-Set Interventions on Students with Emotional Disabilities

Michelle Martinez

Social Communication Skills in Students With Disabilities During School Routines

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The Role of Resilience in Academic Persistence Among First-Generation College Students

Jarett Massey

Utilizing Preferred Music to Decrease Duration of Transitions in Students with Autism within the Educational Setting

Stephanie Mendez

Instructional Visuals: Classroom Practices and Perceived Effectiveness in General Education

Michelle Morales

Understanding School Belonging and Language Experiences in Diverse Upper Elementary Classrooms

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The Correlation of Social Media Usage and Self-Esteem in Middle School Students

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Relationships Matter: Using Attachment-Informed Supports to Improve Student Outcomes

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Promoting Emotional Awareness in Troubled Youth Through Self-Monitoring Intervention

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Mustang Mentors

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Effects of the Open Parachute Small-Group Program on Student Anxiety and Depression

Jasmine Quiroz

Examining the Relationship Between SEL Program Implementation and Disciplinary Referrals Among At-Risk Middle School Girls

Jessica Ramirez Fernandez

Attendance Intervention Practices in a Rural Elementary School: A Qualitative Analysis of School Connectedness and Attendance Outcomes

Brett Rhodes

The Hidden Costs of Screen Time on Student Focus

Diana Rios

Mental Health Differences Between First-Generation and Continuing-Generation College Students: A Comparative Analysis of Life Satisfaction, Anxiety, Depression, Stress, and Resilience

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Building Bridges: The Effects of a School Wide Involvement Initiative on Student Behavior and Staff Communication

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The Relationship Between Single-Adult Households and Student 504/IEP Service Status

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Increasing the Verbal Participation in a Student with Selective Mutism (SM) through Individual Counseling and Social Interactions

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Walk to Learn: An Analysis of Oral Reading Fluency

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Using a Token Economy to Reduce Disruptive Behavior in a Transitional Kindergarten Classroom

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Dual School Psychology and Counseling

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A Statistical Analysis of Multitudes Screener Results in Student Populations

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What Factors Influence Teachers' Decisions to Refer Students to SST or Special Education

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Increasing Goal-setting Behaviors Through Token Systems and Positive Reinforcement for an Elementary Student

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School Readiness in Transitional Kindergarten Students: A Causal-Comparative Study of Preschool/Head Start Enrollment vs. No Formal Preschool

Samantha Montemayor

A Token System Archival Data Review

Jocelyn Patino

Social Media Use and Anxiety Levels in High School Staff

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Using a Visual Modeling Intervention to Increase Independent Constructive Play in a Student with Autism Spectrum Disorder

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The Correlation Between Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy and Parental Stress

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Non-Pharmacological Pain Intervention in Postoperative Patients

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Diabetes Education: A Clinical Education Portfolio

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Improving Glycemic Control in Rural Elderly Patients with Type 2 Diabetes: An Evidence-Based Evaluation of Telehealth Follow-Up by Family Nurse Practitioners

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Evaluating the Impact of In-Person Hypertension Education on Health Literacy in Hispanic Adults

Emily Edwards

Transitional Care Programs Reducing Hospital Readmissions

David Felix

Identifying Perceived Health Information Among Young Adults: A Quantitative Study

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Impact of a Culturally Tailored Diabetes Education Program Amongst Hispanic Individuals with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

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Clinical Education Project: Continuous Glucose Monitoring

Matthew Gutierrez

Enhanced Sepsis Education Reduces Readmission Rates Compared to Standard Education

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Surgical Site Infection Prevention

Sarbjot Johl

Therapeutic Communication in the Intensive Care Unit: A Clinical Education Project

Janet Lorenzo Velasquez

Educational Program on Chagas Disease for Nurse Practitioner Students

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Effects of Culturally Tailored Education for Hispanic Women with Gestation Diabetes

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Evaluating the Impact of Continuous Glucose Monitoring Versus Traditional Finger-Stick Monitoring on Glycemic Control in Adults with Type 2 Diabetes

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Educational Portfolio: Empowering Hispanic Adults Through Culturally Sensitive Nutrition and Health Literacy Education

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Differentiating Acute Skin Failure from Pressure Injuries: An Educational Intervention for Critical Care Providers

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