



## AWARE Success Stories

*“Katelyn is amazing!!! We are so blessed to have this service!! Thank You! Thank You!”*  
- Elementary Principal

*“Katie, No words can describe how much of an impact you, and your role with AWARE is going to have on the success of students who are facing struggles in their lives in LCSS. The social—emotional needs of our students have needed to be addressed as heavily as their academics for far too long. The influence you will have over time and are already having is astounding. Thank You!”* - LCSS Teacher

*“I just wanted to update you on my son. He is doing great!!! I was in desperate need of help when he was having so much trouble and I am so thankful that you were there for me!”*  
- LCSS Parent

*“April and Steve have been a huge help to really get the word out there that mental health issues do occur in the life of average students. People think it would never happen to me because I am the senior class president at our school and frequently talk in front of a lot of people. Nobody would have guessed that I have a severe anxiety disorder.”*  
- LCSS Student

*“I wanted to let you know of a success story that was accomplished because of the AWARE program. One of my students faced a barrier to learning that he nor his parents could overcome. Thanks to AWARE’s student support liaison, this barrier has been addressed and he will now be able to see success in school! What a success story for the AWARE program!”*  
- LCSS Teacher

*“I cannot express to you the appreciation felt by me and the other faculty members as they witnessed how the student support liaison can help bridge the gap between the school system and the family.”*  
- LCSS Principal

*“Thank you so much for all you and your team members are doing to help the students of Lawrence County with mental health issues. This is definitely an area of need and we are confident that we will continue to see positive impact it is making..”*  
- LCSS Principal

*“I just wanted to let you know how thankful I am to have the AWARE program operational with “boots on the ground” literally and metaphorically. With a program dedicated to the mental well being of our students, hope springs eternal!”*  
- LCSS Teacher

## SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Leigh Bagwell, TDOE Coordinator of School Counseling Services

School counseling began in the early 1900s as vocational guidance. It was established in schools as a position occupied by administrators and teachers who became known as guidance counselors. Their work was directed by a list of job responsibilities. As school counseling evolved, it moved from simple vocational assistance to addressing the needs of the whole child. With that evolution came greater scrutiny into the training and job responsibilities of the counselor. Today's school counselor must hold a master's degree in school counseling. Their training and education are more rigorous than their earlier counterparts. Professional school counselors are guided

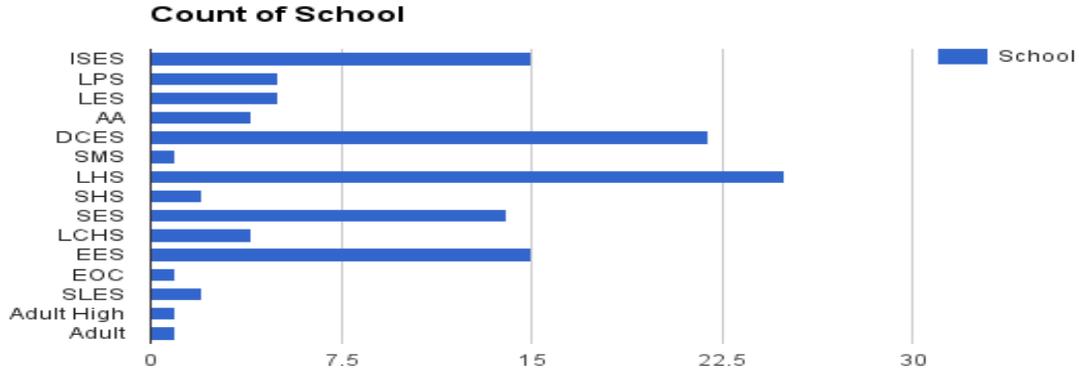
by national student standards as well as professional ethical standards. They deliver high quality, data-driven comprehensive school counseling programs to positively impact the academic, personal/social and college/career development of all students. This is accomplished through a variety of methods such as individual counseling, group counseling, and classroom school counseling curricula. School counselors also work collaboratively with students, teachers, parents, administration, and community members. School counselors use data to show the impact of the school counseling program on student achievement, attendance, and behavior and analyze program assessments to guide

future action and improve future outcomes for all students. *In 1999, the Tennessee legislature passed HB 302/SB 637 to legally change the name from guidance counselors to school counselors.* These educators have earned their title and should be known as school counselors. Project AWARE recognizes the importance of the school counselor in our community as we work together to build mental resiliency and well-being for our children and families.

**Join us May 7th 10:00am for a Mental Health Awareness Walk. It will kick start with a proclamation by the Mayor and then proceed with a 1 1/2 mile walk.**

# End of Year Update

## Student Support Liaison Referrals By School Total Referrals = 120



## Health Connect Referrals

SCHOOLS	COUNT OF CLIENT
David Crockett	10
Ingram Sowell	34
Lawrence Co High	6
Lawrenceburg Public	4
Leoma Elementary	5
Loretto High	5
New Prospect	8
South Lawrence	5
Summertown Elem	3
Summertown High	3
Blank	6
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>89</b>

There are two intervention services that are available. ***ALL referrals (Student Support Liaisons and Health Connect America)*** must go through your school counselor. If you have a student that you are concerned about, please make a referral to your school counselor.

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