

# The REACHing Families Project

- ▶ Dr. Kim Becker and Dr. Bruce Chorpita developed an “Engagement Toolkit” to enhance student and caregiver engagement in school-based mental health services.
  - ▶ Engagement as having multiple dimensions: Relationship, Expectancy, Attendance, Clarity, and Homework/participation (REACH).
  - ▶ Initial results of the program were so promising, the Project received funding from the William T. Grant Foundation to support a larger project to find out more about how this toolkit works. Partnering with schools in South Carolina and California.

**The program’s focus is to enhance student and caregiver engagement in School-Based Mental Health services and reduce common barriers that interfere with them fully participating in the mental health services.**