



Kelly Chaney, Ed.D.

Professional Learning Coach

BIOGRAPHY

"Being a school counselor was always my number one career choice. Implementing a comprehensive school counseling program was essential for my students to achieve optimal personal growth, acquire positive social skills and values, set informed career goals and realize their full academic potential. The best part of being a school counselor is being able to work with ALL students, shifting the climate and culture, leveraging resources, and developing systems that positively impact student success. School counselors are at the front line of supporting students through their educational journey and beyond."

Dr. Chaney is currently a K-12 School Counseling Specialist for Chicago Public Schools (CPS) and was previously a practicing school counselor for eight years. Dr. Chaney collaborates to support 700+ school counselors in implementing a student-centered and data-driven counseling program. Dr. Chaney received her doctoral degree from Governors State University in Counselor Education and Supervision, master's degree in School Counseling from Chicago State University, and her bachelor's degree in Psychology. Dr. Chaney is passionate about evidence-based school counseling practices and teaching others how outcome data can drive comprehensive developmental school counseling programs.

Dr. Chaney had great success with implementing the intervention, Believe It Or Not I Care (B.I.O.N.I.C) in which she gained measurable data-driven results with her 6th-8th grade students which increased attendance and decreased behavior referrals. Dr. Chaney seeks to support the improvement of best practices, empower school counselors to go from good to great and advocate for the school counseling profession.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 2021 Success Bound District Champion Award
- Former Illinois School Counselor Association board member
- 2015 Illinois Counseling Association Site Supervisor of the Year
- Current Adjunct professor at Roosevelt and Northwestern University

FUN FACTS

- Kelly is a wife of 14 years.
- Kelly is a mom of four girls.
- Kelly has a dog named King and a cat named Taco.



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