

KIM BENNALLACK BRYANT, M.S., PPS, LMFT #38088

Professional Learning Coach



BIOGRAPHY

"My focus and passion has always been about equity and inclusive practices for ALL students. After 31 years working in the public school system, my favorite position was being a school counselor for middle school students, their families, and the staff. Now as a counselor educator, I want to empower school staff, especially administrators and school counselors, through the sharing of data and programs that have proven to make a difference in the culture of schools and, overall, students' lives."

Kim has recently retired from the Redding School District in California after 31 years working as the Director of Special Education, additionally serving as a school psychologist and school counselor. She has a Masters Degree in Clinical Psychology, a Pupil Personnel Services, Administrative Credential, and is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT #38088). She enjoys working with all types of children and their families and advocating for equity and inclusive practices for all. As a director, she diligently collected data and advocated that every school site was in need of their own school counselor. School counselors make a difference within a school culture and, therefore, change the dynamics for positive transformation for staff, students, and their families. As a school counselor and then as a director, it became apparent that data-driven comprehensive school counseling programs, aligned with the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) National Model, resulted in positive results on student behavior, academics, and attendance data. All this led to a positive impact within the overall PBIS system and reduced school-wide discipline and suspension rate, in addition to increasing the school sites attendance rate.

Kim now enjoys collaborating with administrators to maximize their school counselors' time and expertise around creating systems change, strengthening school climate and culture, and impacting student success! As a counselor educator, Kim's goal is to educate current and future school counselors, administrators, and stakeholders to be intentional and effective educators in order to make positive impacts on ALL students so they can be successful future citizens in society.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Special Education Administrator of the Year 2021-2022
- Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) State Level Student Services & Special Education Council
- ACSA Region 1 Board Member Special Education Representative
- Presenter at Heather Forbes Beyond Consequences Institutes
- California SUMS Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) Trainer
- Positive Environments Network of Trainers (PENT) Cadre Trainer
- American School Counselor Association (ASCA) and California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT) Member at State and Regional Level

FUN FACTS

- Biggest accomplishment has been raising two amazingly successful girls who are smart, strong, compassionate and independent
- Love to ride in and drive our "side-by-side" on beautiful trails and explore!
- Collect snowmen at Christmas and have 22 tubs of Christmas decorations in the attic!



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