



MELISSA LAFAYETTE

Director of Transformational Partnerships

BIOGRAPHY

"I am passionate about school counseling because I believe that ALL students need a champion. Someone who will believe in them until they believe in themselves and someone who will advocate for them until they are able to advocate for themselves."

Melissa is passionate about developing systems to meet the needs of ALL students and ensuring that ALL students and families feel seen, heard, and valued.

Currently the Director of Transformational Partnerships for Hatching Results, Melissa is a former district-level lead school counselor for a TK-8 district in Riverside County. As a district-level lead school counselor, Melissa oversaw the development and implementation of a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program. Prior to her role in the District Office, she worked as a TK-5 school counselor in Riverside County and a TK-8 school counselor in San Diego County. During her years as a school counselor, she developed, implemented, and evaluated a data-driven comprehensive school counseling program with positive student outcomes.

As a former adjunct faculty member at San Diego State University (SDSU) Melissa taught graduate students how to design curriculum, develop lesson plans and assessments as well as instructional strategies for delivering school counseling core curriculum classroom lessons in diverse schools. Melissa presents at local, state, and national conferences on various school counseling topics.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- District-Level Lead School Counselor
- Romoland School Counselor of the Year
- Riverside County School Counselor of the Year finalist
- Presents at State and National Conferences

TESTIMONIALS

"Melissa Lafayette graciously worked one on one with me. She helped me look at data on my school's dashboard and talked to me about realistic smart goals and how to proceed with my school's unique demographics."

– Erin Baumgarten, School Counselor, Tulsa Public Schools

FUN FACTS

- Even though Melissa hails from Illinois, she is a die-hard Dallas Cowboys fan!
- Melissa comes from a family of bowlers. They play on leagues and in tournaments.
- Melissa recently became an empty nester!



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