

**SAVE THE DATE** for the ...

## **2021 BEST/VTmtss Virtual Summer Institute**

**June 21 - 24, 2021**

**HERE COMES THE**

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**Celebrating and Strengthening  
Resilience for All**

<https://www.uvm.edu/cess/cdci/best/vtmtss-summer-institute-2021>

**(Materials available March 5, 2021)**



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## *Here Comes the Sun: Celebrating and Strengthening Resilience for All!*

The BEST/VTmtss Summer Institute provides opportunities for school teams of educators, family members, and community stakeholders to share and learn strategies for improving and strengthening the systems, data, and practices within Vermont's expanded framework for enacting a multi-tiered system of supports (VTmtss). Learn about new programs, curricula, practices, and activities that emphasize positive, research-based strategies to support all students. Individual or team-attended strands and workshops are intentionally designed to complement afternoon school team planning sessions for building effective action plans.

### Registration Information:

- While individuals must attend the Institute as members of a school team, **each person needs to register separately**. Once registration materials are posted online **March 5<sup>th</sup>**, each team member **must** complete the online registration form by the due date, **April 5<sup>th</sup>**. Please identify one member of your team to list as **Team Leader** on your individual registration form.
- Deadline for individual registration is April 5<sup>th</sup>** or until the Institute is full. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, so encourage all team members to register early.
- Individuals now have the ability to pay by credit card when they register. Invoices will be sent no later than **April 10<sup>th</sup>**. **Payment due date** for all team members is **May 10<sup>th</sup>**. Registration will only be confirmed once payment is received.
- All outstanding balances owed to BEST/PBIS must be paid prior to confirming registration (checks should be made out to UVM).**

All Summer Institute materials for individual registration will be available March 5th at:

<https://www.uvm.edu/cess/cdci/best/vtmtss-summer-institute-2021>

### Registration Cost per Team Member – \$250 per person:

- The **per person** fee includes Institute presentations, program materials, and special activities.
- Family members are encouraged to be invited as team members at no cost (one free family member per team). Teams are also welcomed to include 1-2 student team members at no cost.

### What's New This Year:

- Orientation to virtual platform and materials
- Ability to pay by credit card
- Fun, virtual team activities
- Peer networking groups
- Experiential mindfulness
- ... and **more!!**



## Keynote Speakers



**Elena Aguilar**  
Cultivating Resilient Communities



**Cornelius Minor**  
*We Got This!* Everyday Choices for Creating More Equitable School Spaces

### **Anticipated Strands for Everyone:**

- Restorative Approaches Foundations & Implementation Readiness
- Creating Trauma-Informed School Communities
- Teaching on Empty: Understanding How to Support Struggling Students and Ourselves
- Centering Equity to Promote Social/Emotional/Behavioral Success
- Strengthening Protective Factors and Promoting Resilience for All: Strategies for Paraeducators
- Shining a Light on Classrooms: Building Habits of Positive and Proactive Practices
- Inspired Educator, Engaged Learner: Experiential Brain-Based Approaches
- SEL: Excellence, Equity, and Connection for All

### **Anticipated Strands for Teams Only:**

*Pre-requisites required. Questions? Contact Amy Wheeler-Sutton at [amy.wheeler-sutton@uvm.edu](mailto:amy.wheeler-sutton@uvm.edu).*

- VTPBIS Universal Level Training
- VTPBIS Targeted Level Training
- VTPBIS Intensive Level Training
- VTPBIS Refresher Training
- Deepening and Expanding Restorative Practices within MTSS
- Interconnected Systems Framework
- Partnering around VT Early MTSS: Strengthening the Connection with VTmtss

### **Anticipated Workshops:**

- Connecting Thoughts, Feelings, and Behaviors to Better Understand and Support Students
- Creating LGBTQ+ Inclusive Learning Environments
- An Introduction to Vermont Early MTSS
- Staff Resilience: The Heart of Positive School Climate
- Mindfulness: An Essential Practice for Equity Work
- Exploring an Effective PBIS Leadership Team Process for Examining Equity Data
- Developing Social-Emotional Learning Standards – One SU’s Approach
- Health Literacy and Resilience
- Expanding our Data Systems to Identify Needs and Strengths of Students
- Inspire, Engage, Connect, and Build Community Through Experiential Approaches
- Supporting Students with Disabilities through Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports
- VTmtss EST Networked Improvement Community
- Family’s Perspectives on Social/Emotional/Behavioral Efforts at School
- Youth Perspectives on Resilience Efforts at School
- ...and **more!**

## UVM Summer Course!

**Are you interested in earning course credit? Online? During the SUMMER?**

- This is a SUMMER Course! Assignments begin at the Institute and continue through the summer.**
- Registration for the BEST/VTmtss Institute Course (optional) is **separate** from the Individual Registration.
- If interested in the course, **please indicate this on the Individual Registration Form.**
- You will receive instructions for course registration **after** you register for the Institute.
- Cost of the **3-credit University of Vermont Summer Course is approx. \$1464** (30% off UVM Tuition)

For more information, go to: [\*\*“What Do I Need to Do to Take the BEST/VTmtss Summer Institute Course?”\*\*](#)

Course Questions? Contact Winnie Looby at [\*\*Winnie.Looby@uvm.edu\*\*](mailto:Winnie.Looby@uvm.edu)



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