Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and Behavioral Health for Youth in the context of Radical Transformational Leadership for Social Impact (RTL Impact) is fueled by values of full potential, compassion, and equity to generate sustainable results for all children, youth, families, and youth-serving staff to thrive.

Ever-growing evidence demonstrates the essential role of SEL and wellness in youth development, well-being, and the capacity to learn and excel as students, family members, friends, and adults. The pandemic and subsequent stay at home orders, distance learning, and social isolation have opened many leaders’ eyes to the non-negotiable importance of our social emotional well-being and mental health.

Never before has the stigma surrounding mental health challenges become normalized as rapidly. Amidst the many layers of crises, this opening for accelerated systemic change shines strongly as an opportunity to leverage and amplify.

In the upcoming RTL Impact program, individuals involved in SEL and behavioral health for youth at all levels are invited to select this optional special focus area, accessing supported workshops between the primary program sessions to engage in focused discussions with peers in these fields and support in applying the RTL framework to integrating SEL and behavioral health for youth for equitable and sustainable results.
EXAMPLES OF OUTCOMES AND RELATED GOALS

Within the Radical Transformational Leadership framework, one of the essential components in designing and implementing your specific project is to identify the immediate and long-term goals and outcomes you are working towards. Below, we have shared just a few examples of the process goals and outcomes identified in the focus area of SEL and Behavioral Health for Youth.

Process Goals for an Improved System:
- Increase in children and youth accessing appropriate behavioral health care
- Increase in strengthened relationships (among and between youth, families, school staff, and service providers)
- Increase in positive school and community climate, including:
  - Increase in integration of trauma-informed care, restorative responsiveness, and cultural humility at school and community sites
  - Decrease in stigma around behavioral health challenges
  - Increase in family and community partnership

Outcome Goals for Well-Being for Children and Youth:
- Increase in children and youth experiencing positive mental health
- Increase in children and youth using healthy stress-coping strategies and behaviors
- Decrease in children and youth experiencing anxiety, depression, and suicidal ideation
- Decrease in children and youth using alcohol, drugs and vaping
- Increase in children and youth academic achievement