## Parent Education Seminar *Mental Health Liaison Program:*

**Bridging Mental Health Services for Students** 

Thursday, March 31st, 2022 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Virtual Presentation** 

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Theresa Heller is Licensed Clinical Specialized Social Worker currently serving as a Mental Health Liaison with Olathe Public Schools. In addition to her work with schools, she also has experience with child protective services and domestic violence. Theresa has been in her role as a Mental Health Liaison since the start of the 2020-2021 school year. She is passionate about supporting the whole student and ensuring all families have access to the resources they need.

This presentation will inform the participant about the mental health needs of children and adolescents in the district and how circumstances such as trauma and the recent global pandemic have intensified the prevalence of mental illness and suicide in schools. The formulation of the Mental Health Intervention Team and the role of the Mental Health Liaison in USD 233 will also be explored and provide each participant with knowledge on how this program is meeting the needs of at-risk students in the district.



Laura Moore is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and has been with Olathe Public Schools since March 2021. Laura has over ten years of experience working with children and families from all walks of life and she specializes in aiding children in recovery from traumatic experiences. She additionally has provided parent training for families struggling with attachment disordered and oppositional/defiant children and has aided the family unit in the repair of fractured relationships. Laura approaches her role using a trauma informed framework and sees it a great privilege to serve in the healing process for so many that she comes into contact with.

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