

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH: SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER PERSPECTIVE

Children's Advocates for Change surveyed 76 Illinois school social workers about what they experienced in schools across the state with regard to youth mental health during the 2021/2022 academic year.

This was a self-reported survey conducted in August 2022, collecting the perspectives of school social workers from various grade levels, some as young as pre-kindergarten, all the way through high school.

not enough staff

crisis status and can't help basic needs

not enough time in the day long wait lists

ratio of social workers to students too high

stigma

insurance doesn't cover

transportation lack of services in the area

financial barriers

high needs without
enough resources

parents decline services

**Responses from CAFC school social worker survey when asked to identify the barriers to students receiving mental health services. August 2022*



Barriers noted by respondents to students receiving mental health services.

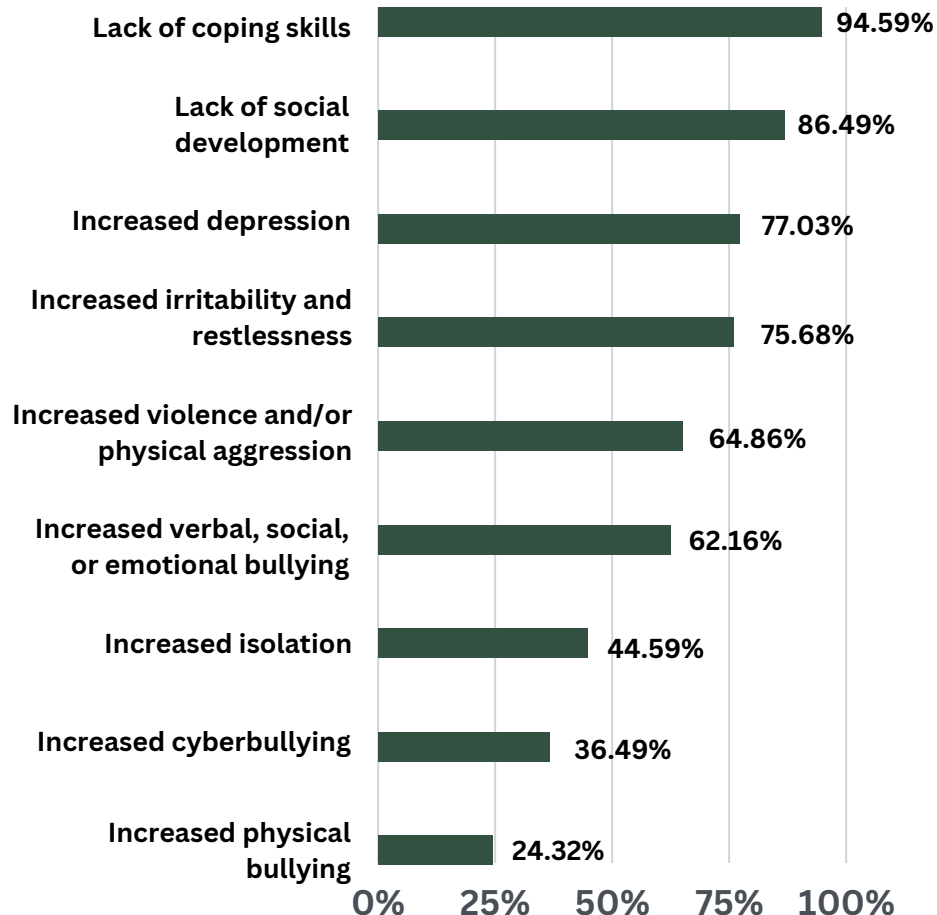
Over
86%

Percentage of school social workers that indicated student mental health was currently a concern at their school.

Percentage of school social workers that indicated there were not enough resources to meet the needs of the students in their school.

76.3%

Compared to previous school years, students at my school during the 2021/2022 school year exhibited: (please check all that apply)



**Responses from a CAFC school social worker survey when asked about behavior seen in students for the 2021/2022 school year, August 2022.*