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Office Hours: Stress, Behavior, and the Brain

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The OSSIE Supervision, Monitoring and Support Team



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will answer them.**





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- 3** **Questions**
- 4** **Resources**



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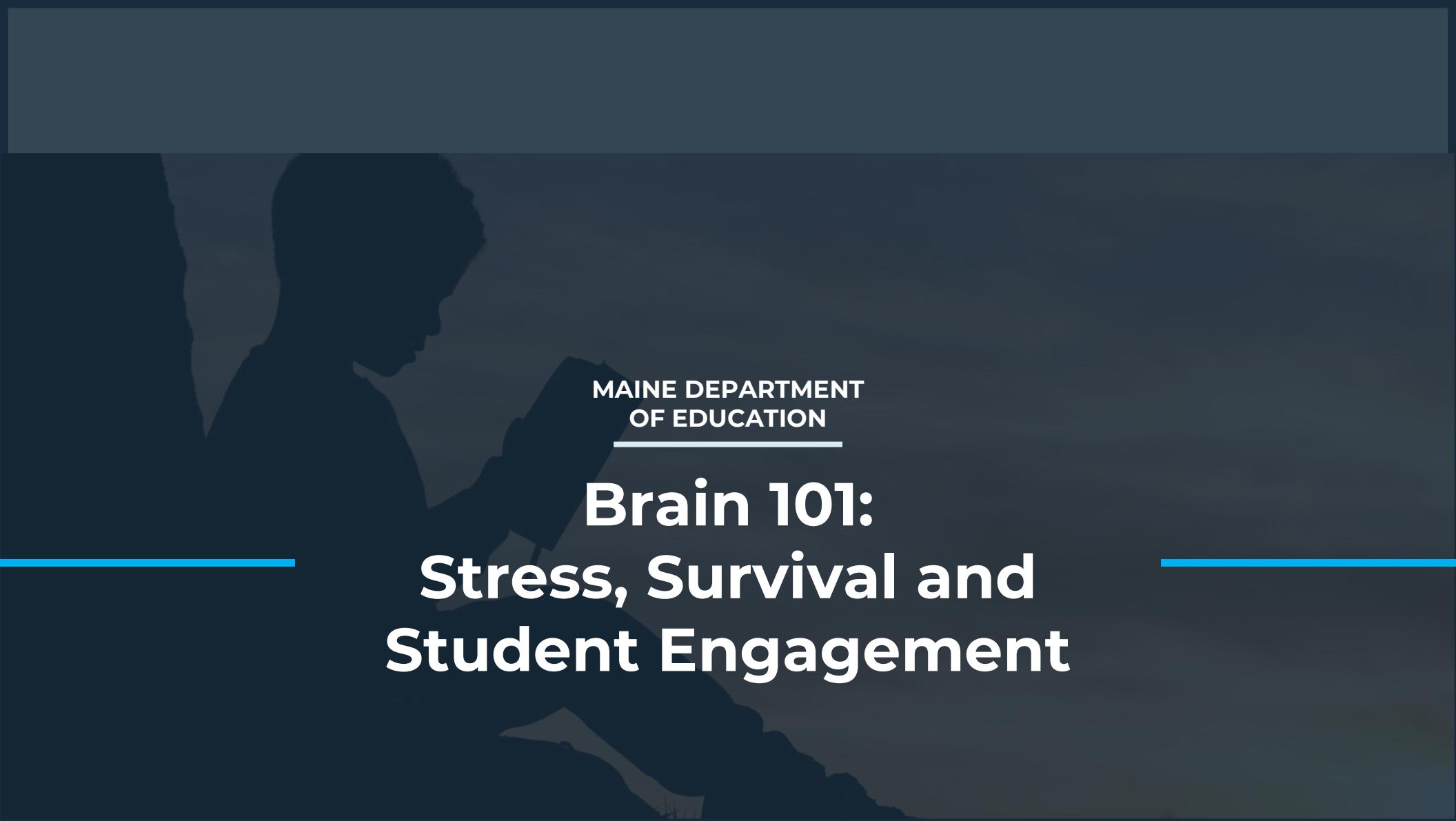


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Meet Our Team

Supervision, Monitoring and Support Team

Through a combination of the monitoring process, professional development and data collection, the SMS team supports SAUs with compliance as outlined in IDEA and MUSER regulations for students with disabilities.



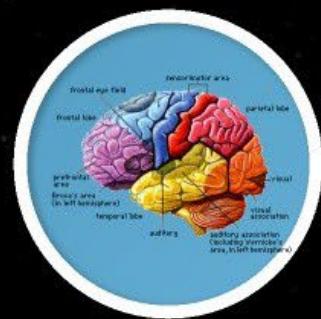
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Brain 101: Stress, Survival and Student Engagement

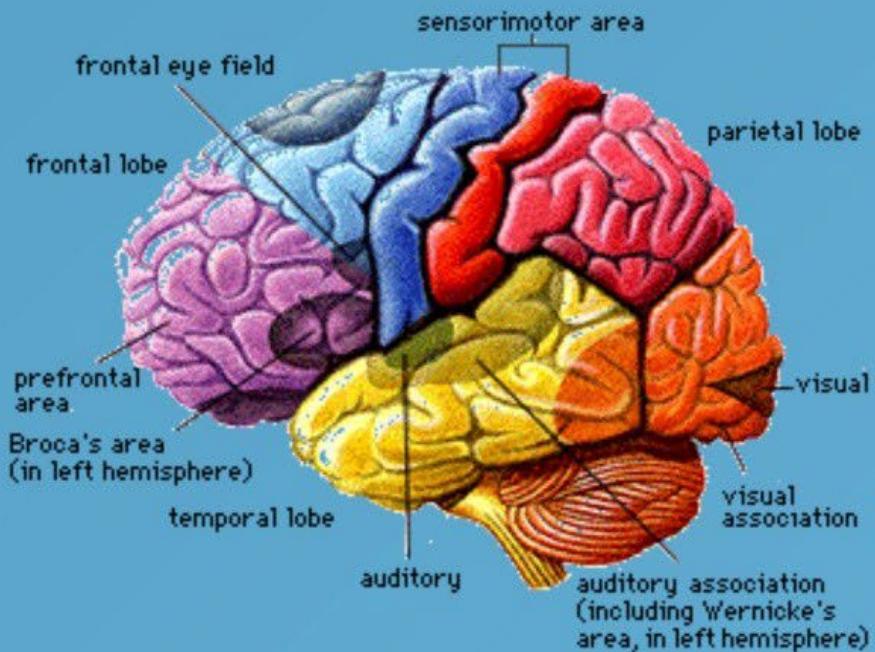
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Cogito



Ergo Sum



Wire and Fire

100 Billion brain cells creating 100 Trillion
neural connections

Efficiency is Imperative
for Survival



Thinking
and
Feeling

Cortical
and
Limbic

Cognitive
and
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Prefrontal Cortex
and
Amygdala









The Amygdala

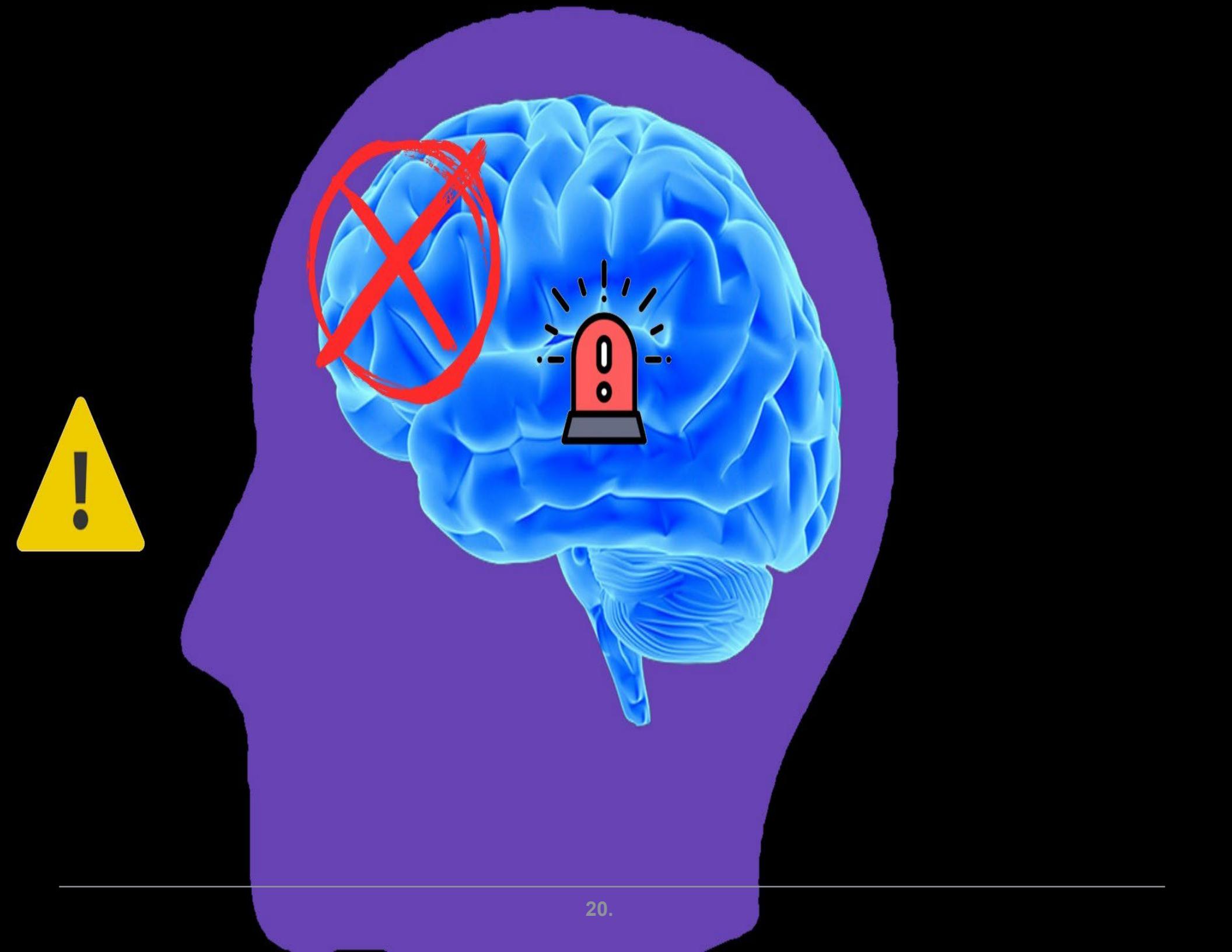






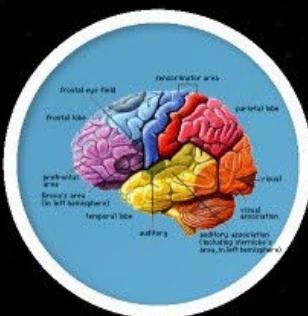












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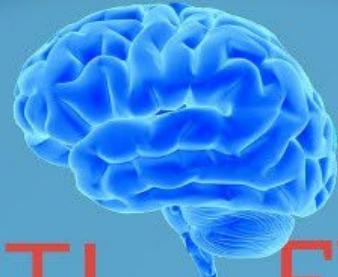


FIGHT!



FLIGHT!





FIGHT! FLIGHT!



Fight and Flight

What it Looks Like:

- Physical or Verbal Aggression
- Stomping, pacing
- Breaking/Striking Objects
- Incoherent rants
- Running away from situation
- Leaving home/school
- Poor decision making
- Saying things that are extreme and harmful to others
- Suicidal thoughts
- Self harm

Response to Interventions:

- Increase in dysregulation to any perceived power
- Reduced ability to engage in cognitive discussions
- Black or white thinking
- Focused on immediate threat and not long term consequences
- Doing anything to get out of conversation
- Psychomotor agitation often perceived as disrespectful
- Shift to **FREEZE** or **SUBMIT**

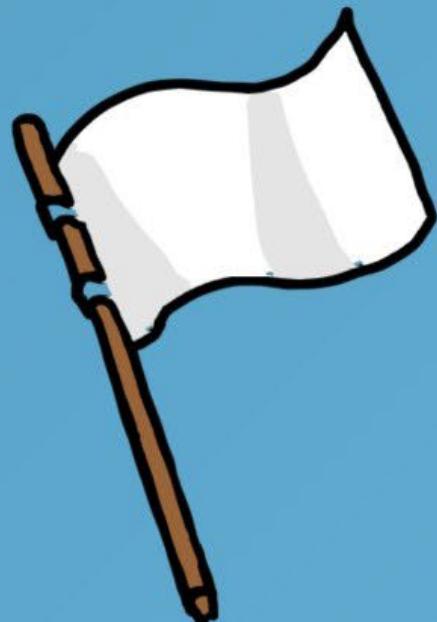
Response to Support:

- Deny that there is any need for support
- Actively avoid positive peers or mentors
- Increase in reactive behavior
- Shift to **FREEZE** or **SUBMIT**

FREEZE!



SUBMIT!





FREEZE! SUBMIT



Freeze and Submit

What it Looks Like:

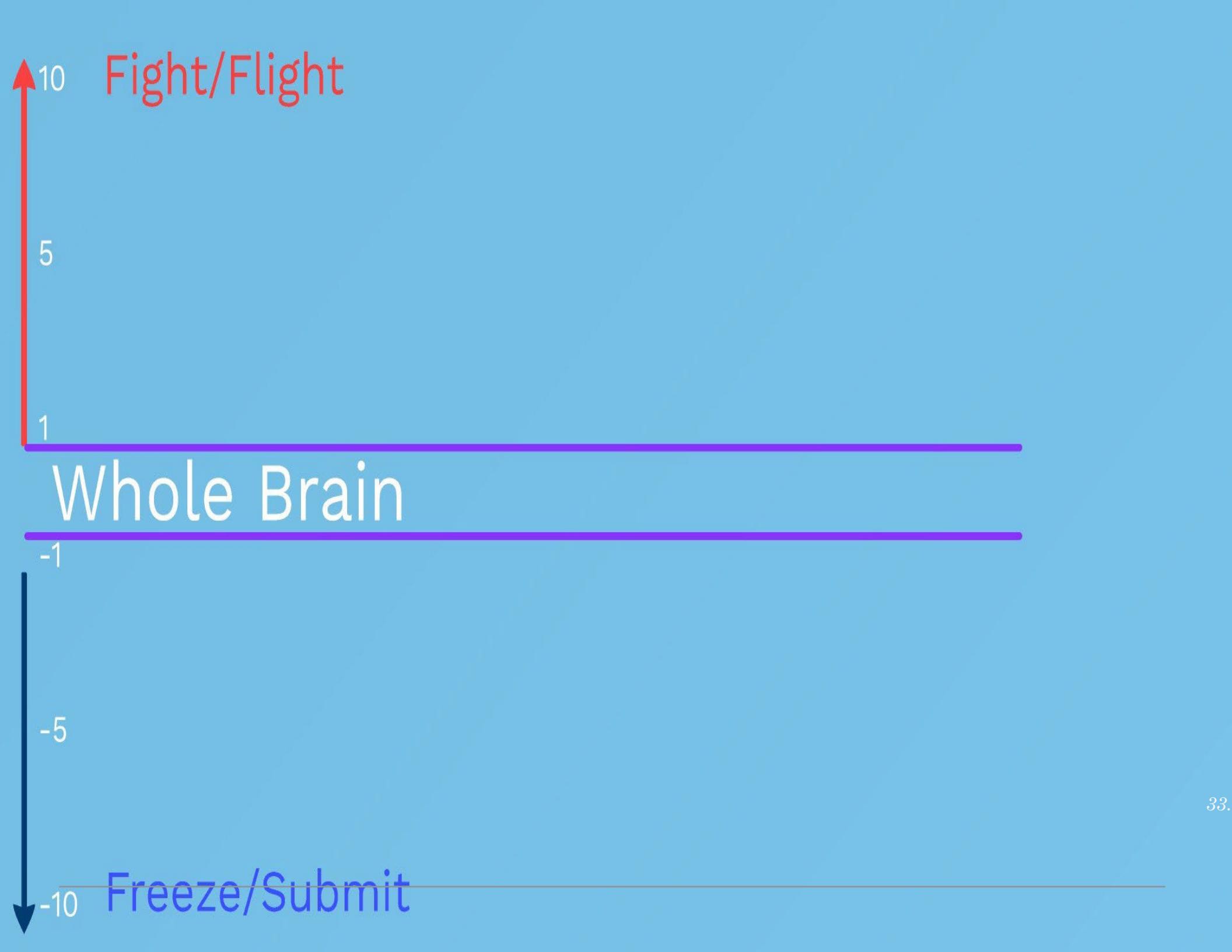
- Non responsive
- Yes/No answers only
- Agreeing to anything said
- Self deprecation
- Isolation from supports
- Chronically late or absent
- Excessive sleeping
- Self harm
- Suicidal thoughts

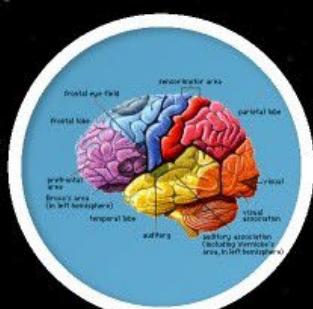
Response to Interventions:

- Increase dysregulation to any perceived power
- Emotionally flat
- Agreeing to all that is said
- Not engaged
- May fall asleep
- Black or white thinking
- Perceived as not caring and disrespectful
- Shift to **FIGHT** or **FLIGHT**

Response to Support:

- May be present but not engage
- Agreeing to all that is said
- Missing support meetings
- Unable to remember past interventions
- Increase in avoidant behavior
- Emotionally flat or unavailable
- Shift to **FIGHT** or **FLIGHT**





Stress!



Stress Relativity



Stress Perception

Stress Perception





Neural Regulation



Neural Regulation

Regulation is not “Happy”

- A regulated state is having your whole brain online and prepared to use all faculties to perceive, assess and choose the appropriate interaction.

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Maine DOE Climate, Culture, and Resilience

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The **climate culture and resilience team** provides resources, guidance, and technical support to SAUs through a trauma-informed approach. As an action-oriented team supporting educators, CCR provides expertise in areas of Social Emotional Learning and Intelligence, Family Engagement, Cultural Responsiveness, and Mental Health, as well as Migrant and McKinney Vento-identified student support.

School Climate refers to the many aspects of students' educational experience that influence their social, emotional, and academic development. The climate of a school can impact student engagement in school activities; relationships with other students, staff, family, and community; and academic performance. A positive social and emotional school climate is conducive to effective teaching and learning. Such climates promote health, growth, and development by providing a safe and supportive learning environment.

Looking at School Climate data

Surveying students, staff and the community on a regular basis will provide an overall picture of the school climate and student engagement. With this information, a school community can address the areas of concern identified in the survey data. With ongoing surveys, the school community can assess if implementations are effective.

- Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey (MIYHS)
- [GLSEN 2017 National School Climate Survey](#)
- [Safe Supportive Learning](#). The National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments (NCSSLE) maintains a compendium of valid and reliable surveys, assessments, and scales of school climate that can assist educators in their efforts to identify and assess their conditions for learning.
- Creating a Safe and Respectful Environment on Our Nation's School Buses
- [Quick Guide on Making School Climate Improvements](#)

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Resources



State Laws

1% Assessment

1% and Maine's Alternate Assessments Based on Alternate Academic Achievement Standards (AA-AAAS)

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Procedural Manual

Special Education required forms procedural manual.

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State Law

In Maine, laws that are specific to the education of children with disabilities are set forth in three chapters of 20-A MRSA (Maine Revised Statutes Annotated).

- [Chapter 301](#). General Provisions
- [Chapter 303](#). Children with Disabilities
- [Chapter 304](#). Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf

State Regulation: Chapter 101/MUSER

Rule chapter that is specific to the education of children with disabilities in Maine Department of Education Regulations, Chapter 101, Maine Unified Special Education Regulation Birth to Age Twenty (MUSER).

[Procedural Safeguards](#)

MUSER

- [SAU Responsibility for FAPE](#)
- [MUSER Continuum for LRE](#)
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SAU Resources for Supervision, Monitoring & Support

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Self-Assessment Form

Quick Reference Documents



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- [Communities Without Schools](#)
- [Initial Evaluation Timeline](#)
- [Least Restrictive Environment](#)
- [Parentally-Placed Students](#)
- [Task Timeline](#)
- [Written Notice](#)
- [Sample IEP Meeting Checklist](#)
- [Sample Teacher IEP Input Form](#)



SAU & CDS Resources

- [Letter of Notification - SAU](#)
- [Letter of Notification - CWS](#)
- [Letter of Notification - CDS](#)
- [Cohort Instruction Email](#)
- [2025-2026 Sample Self-Assessment Form](#)
- [Services Provided Form](#)
- [Extended School Year v. Year-Long Programming Documentation Requirements](#)



Quick Reference Checklists

- [IEP Quick Reference Checklist](#)
- [Adverse Effect Form](#)
- [Speech Language Eligibility Form](#)
- [Specific Learning Disability Eligibility Form](#)
- [Summary of Performance](#)
- [Written Notice Quick Reference Checklist](#)



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2025-26 Professional Development Schedule

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Wednesday 9/10/25 3:00-4:00	Resources	Resources 9/10/25 Slides
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Wednesday 10/15/25 9:00-11:00	IEP Training	Recording coming soon
Wednesday 10/22/25 3:00-4:00	Stress, Behavior and the Brain Presented by: Bear Shea	
Thursday 10/30/25 9:00-10:30	Post-Secondary Transition Planning	Post-Secondary Transition Planning
Wednesday 11/12/25 3:00-4:00	Inclusion Presented by: Tracy Whitlock	Inclusion Registration Link
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Wednesday 1/14/26 3:00-4:00	Alternate Assessments Guest Speaker: Mechelle Ganglefinger	<u>Alternate Assessment Registration Link</u>
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Wednesday 2/11/26 3:00-4:00	McKenney Vento 101 Presented By: Signe Lynch	<u>McKenney Vento 101 Registration Link</u>
Wednesday 2/25/26 3:00-4:00	Data Collection	<u>Data Collection Registration Link</u>
Wednesday 3/11/26 3:00-4:00	Transition from CDS to Public School Guest Speaker: Lori Whittemore	<u>Transition from CDS to Public School</u>
Wednesday 3/25/26 3:00-4:00	Abbreviated Day	<u>Abbreviated Day Registration Link</u>
Wednesday 4/8/26 3:00-4:00	Special Education Law for General Education Teachers Guest Speaker: Leigh Lardieri	<u>Special Education Law for General Education Teachers Registration Link</u>
Wednesday 5/13/26 3:00-4:00	IEP Case Study	<u>Case Study Registration Link</u>
Wednesday 5/27/26 3:00-4:00	Discipline & Manifestation Determination	<u>Discipline and Manifestation Determination Registration Link</u>

IEP & Related Forms

Educator and Administrator Resources

Family & Caregiver Resources



Educator and Administrator Resources

[1% Maine's Alternative Assessment](#)

[Serving Multilingual Learners with Disabilities](#)

Maine Care Documentation

- [IEP Documentation Training One Video - June 2, 2021](#), Passcode: %r^KpD51
- [Presentation Slides](#)
- [IEP Guidance on IEP Documentation – May 2021 \(PDE\)](#)
- The [MaineCare In Education Presentation \(PowerPoint\)](#) explains how to access MaineCare services in schools

Individualized Education Program (IEP) & Related Forms

These are the forms that the Maine Department of Education Special Services team requires, forms that are for local use as required, and forms for local use that are optional.

- [IEP Form](#)
- [7-Day Waiver](#)



Family & Caregiver Resources

Special Education Glossaries

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Special Education Surrogate Parent Program

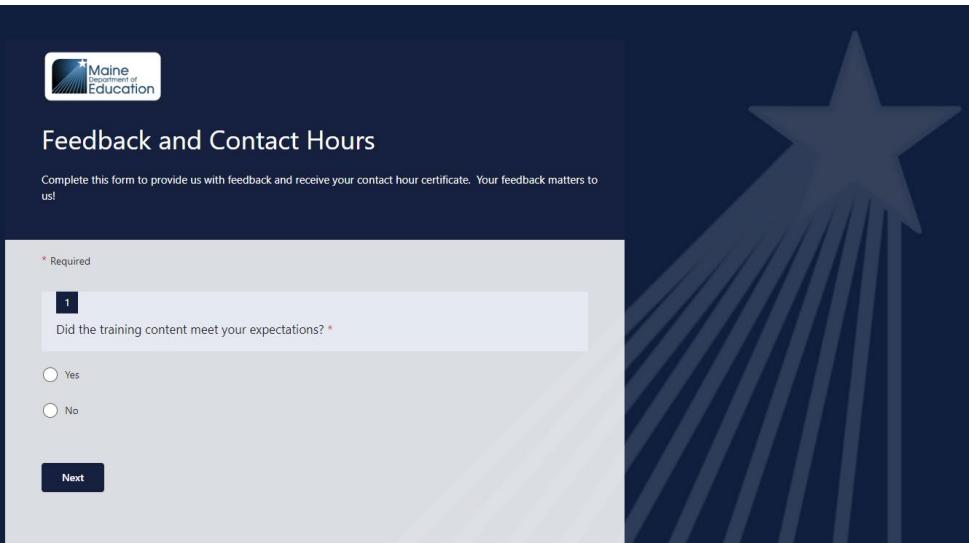
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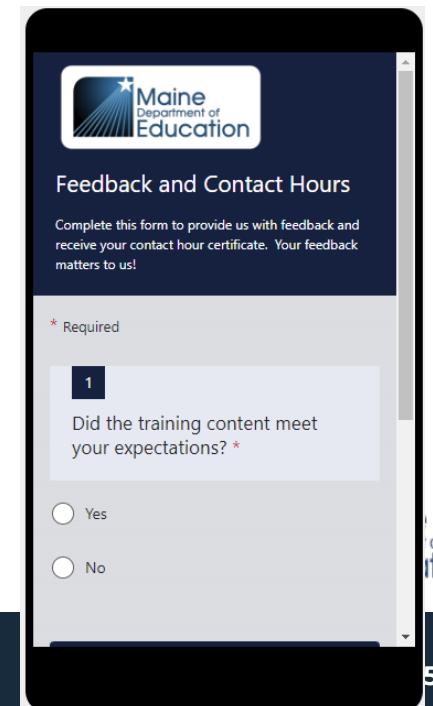
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