



Assigning Roles and Responsibilities

As you think about the various people who can help plan and implement social and emotional learning, consider the strengths they would bring to your team. This chart shows examples of what potential team members could offer the program. You can add your own categories of potential team members at the bottom. Then brainstorm who you could recruit for each category and how you'll engage each person in this work.

Potential Team Member	What could this person bring to the team?	Who might fill this role?	How do you engage this potential team member?
School counselor	School counselors have regular contact with students and insight into their strengths and needs. They also have expertise in child development, psychology and character education.		
Social worker	Social workers can share information regarding community issues, resources and trends. They also have expertise in psychology and sociology.		
Instructional support staff	Instructional support staff know about supports that students receive during the school day and can help you differentiate activities to meet students' needs and build on their strengths.		
Special education teacher	Special education teachers are trained to create and implement interventions to help all students succeed — including those with social and emotional difficulties.		
School nurse	The school nurse can help identify schoolwide trends in mental, emotional and physical health.		
Section 504 lead	Section 504 leads have experience in developing plans to address emotional and behavioral issues.		
Family member	Your students' family members know the students, families and community you serve. They can help you identify critical issues and serve as liaisons with other families.		
Positive Behavioral Interventions and System (PBIS) lead	The school's PBIS lead can connect and align the positive behavioral interventions from the school day to your program. They also have data about the social and emotional needs of your students.		
Community or business leaders	Ensuring that young people are prepared to succeed in school and beyond is important to community and business leaders. They can provide guest speakers, tours of local businesses and incentives.		

