

Facilitator Bios

Sandy Keenan is a Senior Research Analyst for the American Institutes for Research. She is the Education Resource Specialist for the Technical Assistance Partnership for Child and Family Mental Health, which supports systems of care grant sites for SAMHSA. She also leads AIR's Behavioral Health Promotion Technical Assistance to the National Center which provides support to Safe Schools/Health Students Grant recipients. She has published numerous articles, monographs, and chapters on school-based support programs for children with emotional and behavioral needs. Sandy is currently finishing her doctorate in Education Leadership.

Liza Andrew-Miller, LCSW, is the Program Director for the Hillsboro School District 1J project. She has extensive experience with program and organizational management within non-profit and government sectors. Liza's familiarity with the PBS model prior to the SS/HS Grant award facilitated both the rapid implementation of PBS as well as the integration of other program components with PBS.

Carol Sadler, PhD, is a consultant hired by the Hillsboro School District 1J to provide training, consultation, and guidance on the overall implementation of PBS within the District. Dr. Sadler brings ten years of experience implementing PBS (or EBS) within the Tigard/Tualatin School District. She has worked extensively with the creators of PBS and contributed to the development of a statewide structure to support the implementation of PBS. Dr. Sadler led several research studies on the efficacy of the PBS model and its contribution to school improvement. She routinely presents at local, state, and national conferences.

Kristen Werts was recently hired as the Hillsboro School District 1J PBS Coordinator. She works closely with Dr. Sadler, Greg Zinn, and the PBS principals to oversee the PBS implementation process for 15 schools. Previously, she worked in the Portland Metropolitan area with four different school districts at various levels and stages of PBS implementation as a graduate student at Portland State University. In March of this year, she also attended the state-wide PBS conference as well as the international PBS conference in Reno, Nevada.