

2021 New Mexico School Counselors' Community Conference

**Social and Emotional Learning Framework**

**Leslie Kelly**

**2:00 p.m.**

Attending to the social and emotional needs of our students, staff, school leaders and communities has never been more urgent as it is now. Looking at education through the whole child approach, New Mexico created and launched the NM SEL Framework in January of 2021. This session gives an overview of the framework as a tool to intentionally guide schools and districts in an approach that integrates SEL into all aspects of education. Research shows the positive impact of SEL on attendance, graduation, academics, relationships and success past high school.

**About Leslie Kelly**



**Leslie Kelly** has been an educator, counselor and behavioral health specialist in New Mexico for more than 30 years. She is a strong supporter of whole child education, and social and emotional learning as the pathway toward equity, access and success in education for all students and adults. She currently serves as the manager of SEL programs at the NM Public Education Department.