

****CANCELLED** Counselor Collaborative Fall 2024: Disability Justice**

The Counselor Collaborative is a biannual convening of elementary, middle, and high school counselors and mental health providers. Meetings feature guest speakers and interactive discussions on topics related to advancing the social, emotional, and academic growth of Sonoma County students. The event is hosted by the Behavioral Health & Well-Being department at SCOE.

This fall's Counselor Collaborative is open to all TK/PK-12 school personnel interested in promoting disability justice in schools and will feature a workshop with Alex Locust, MS, Spill the Disabili-Tea.

Spill the Disabili-Tea is an interactive workshop designed to elevate knowledge of disability justice and provide a space to apply this lens to the inclusive practices of various community spaces. Alex draws upon his lived experience, education, and advocacy skills to lead a candid conversation that can include the following questions:

- Who is "disabled" and what creates that experience?
- What is "disability justice?"
- What's the "right way" to interact with people with disabilities?
- How do we navigate "microaggressions?"
- What's the difference between "access" and "inclusion?"
- Is disability a cultural experience and how can that intersect with other cultural identities?
- How can I integrate these skills in the school setting?

We welcome the opportunity to make this event accessible to all! Please refrain from wearing scented products, so that people with chemical sensitivities can join us. The venue is wheelchair accessible. An all gender restroom is available. Please request ASL interpreting or open captioning by October 7, 2024 or submit other requests to Michelle Johnson, 707-524-2733, mjohnson@scoe.org.

Sign-in, a light breakfast and informal networking will take place from 8-8:45am, the workshop will begin at 8:45am.

When October 31, 2024
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location Teacher Learning Center at SCOE

Presenter Alex Locust, MS

Cost \$25.00

Audience K-12, UPK/TK, Open

Registration http://scoe.org/pub/htdocs/class.html?class_id=11588
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