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For some students with dysfunctional family systems, teachers can be their only chance to be seen and noticed when in need of help. Having mental health first aid training would further improve teachers awareness of warning signs that if caught early on, can mitigate future pain and struggle not only for the child but for the community as well. Everyone deserves an opportunity to thrive and be recognized, especially for those unable to ask for help or who are unaware of alternatives. This training extends far beyond the classroom and can vastly remove stigma surrounding mental health issues.