The Handle With Care (HWC) program fosters collaboration among schools, first responder organizations, and mental health service providers. First responders alert school staff whenever a student is present at the scene of an incident so they can provide trauma-sensitive support.¹

¹ This information is adapted from the Handle With Care website, where more information is available: http://www.handlewithcarewv.org/handle-with-care.php
Tools make the data monitoring process easier! The West Virginia Center for Children’s Justice (WVCCJ) collaborated with the Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) Appalachia and the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) to develop materials to support data use for continuous improvement.

Using Data to Support Program Improvement: A Guide for Monitoring Handle With Care in Schools includes information on implementing the HWC program, protocols to facilitate meaningful sharing and review of HWC data to inform program improvements, and detailed instructions on how to use newly available Excel workbooks.

HWC Excel workbooks help school staff capture the necessary data and summarize it in easy-to-read dashboards.

HWC School Counselor Workbook helps school counselors document information about students identified for HWC support and students referred to external mental health service providers.

HWC Data Lead Workbook helps the HWC school team document and monitor overall program implementation and student outcome data.