**Intro**

* Tell me where you’re from and what you do
* Why are you here today?
* Why is it important for you to speak out?

**The problem: increasing mental health issues in elementary schools**

* Talk to me about mental health in elementary schools. How big an issue is it?
* What mental health issues are elementary school students dealing with?
* FOR EDUCATORS/MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS: Are you seeing problems that you didn’t see before? Has there been an increase?
	+ What kinds of issues are you seeing more of?
* Does mental illness in kids look like mental illness in adults?
	+ How do these mental health issues present in younger children?
* What is the effect of untreated/unaddressed mental health issues?
	+ On their ability to learn, physical health, longterm prospects?
	+ On other students & classroom environment?
* Why is it so important to address mental health issues early on?
* Are mental health issues limited to certain demographics, or geography, or socioeconomic groups?

**The problem: lack of counselors/social workers/psychologists**

* FOR EDUCATORS/MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS: Talk to me about your job. What do you do? What’s the day-to-day like?
	+ What do you like best about your job?
	+ What are the biggest challenges?
		- What’s the workload like? How many students are you responsible for?
		- With the number of students you’re responsible for, do you feel like you’re spread too thin?
	+ What would help you do your job better?
* Are there enough school counselors/ social workers/ psychologists? How many are there per student?
* Does Delaware lag behind? Has this problem gotten worse over time?
* What happens when we don’t have enough counselors, social workers, psychologists in our elementary schools?

**The solution: HB100**

* What is HB100?
	+ What does it do?
	+ How would it help students with mental health issues?
	+ How would it help mental health professionals do their job more effectively?
* Why do we need HB100 to pass? Why is it so important?
* What you would tell your legislators?
* What happens if we don’t pass HB100?

**Closing**

* Is there anything we haven’t covered that you’d like people to know? About mental health, about HB100, or about your own story?