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# 2022-23 Mental Health Application

## Part I: Youth Mental Health Awareness Training Plan

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## Introduction

The purpose of the combined mental health application is to streamline and merge two programs into one application. The Youth Mental Health Awareness Training (YMHAT) Plan and the Mental Health Assistance Allocation (MHAA) Plan are to provide supplemental funding to districts so schools can establish, expand and/or improve mental health care, awareness and training and offer a continuum of services. These allocations are appropriated annually to serve students and families through resources designed to foster quality mentalhealth. This application is separated into two primary sections: Part II includes the YMHAT Plan and Part III includes the MHAA Plan.

### Part I. Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan

In accordance with s. 1011.62, F.S., the MHAA Plan allocation is to assist districts with establishing or expanding school-based mental health care; training educators and other school staff in detecting and responding to mental health issues; and connecting children, youth and families who may experience behavioral health issues with appropriate services.

### Submission Process and Deadline

The application must be submitted to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) by August 1, 2022.

There are two submission options for charter schools (MHAA Plan Only):

- Option 1: District submission includes charter schools in their application.
- Option 2: Charter school(s) submit a separate application from the district.

## Part I: Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan

s. 1011.62, F.S.

### MHAA Plan Assurances

#### The Charter School Assurances

One hundred percent of the state funded proportionate share is used to expand school-based mental health care; train educators and other school staff in detecting and responding to mental health issues; and connect children, youth and families with appropriate behavioral health services.

Yes

Mental health assistance allocation funds do not supplant other funding sources or increase salaries or provide staff bonuses or incentives.

Yes

Maximizing the use of other sources of funding to provide school-based mental health services (e.g., Medicaid reimbursement, third-party payments and grants).

Yes

Collaboration with FDOE to disseminate mental health information and resources to students and families.

Yes

Includes a system for tracking the number of students at high risk for mental health or co-occurring substance use disorders who received mental health screenings or assessments; the number of students referred to school-based mental health services providers; the number of students referred to community-based mental health services providers; the number of students who received school-based interventions, services or assistance; and the number of students who received community-based interventions, services or assistance.

Yes

#### A Charter school board policy or procedures has been established for

Students referred to a school-based or community-based mental health services provider, for mental health screening for the identification of mental health concerns and students at risk for mental health disorders are assessed within 15 calendar days of referral.

Yes

School-based mental health services are initiated within 15 calendar days of identification and assessment.

Yes

Community-based mental health services are initiated within 30 calendar days of referral.

Yes

Individuals living in a household with a student receiving services are provided information about behavioral health services through other delivery systems or payors for which such individuals may qualify if such services appear to be needed or enhancements in those individuals' behavioral health would contribute to the improved well-being of the student.

Yes

District schools and local mobile response teams use the same suicide screening instrument approved by FDOE pursuant to s. 1012.583, F.S., and Rule 6A-40010, Florida Administrative Code.

Yes

Assisting a mental health services provider or a behavioral health provider as described in s. 1011.62, F.S., respectively, or a school resource officer or school safety officer who has completed mental health crisis intervention training in attempting to verbally de-escalate a student's crisis situation before initiating an involuntary examination pursuant to s. 394.463, F.S. Such procedures must include strategies to de-escalate a crisis situation for a student with a developmental disability as that term is defined in s. 393.063, F.S.

Yes

The requirement that in a student crisis situation, the school or law enforcement personnel must make a reasonable attempt to contact a mental health professional who may initiate an involuntary examination pursuant to s. 394.463, F.S., unless the child poses an imminent danger to self or others before initiating an involuntary examination pursuant to s. 394.463, F.S. Such contact may be in person or using telehealth, as defined in s. 456.47, F.S. The mental health professional may be available to the school district either by contracts or interagency agreements with the managing entity, one or more local community behavioral health providers, or the local mobile response team, or be a direct or contracted school district employee. Note: All initiated involuntary examinations located on school grounds, on school transportation or at a school sponsored activity must be documented in the Involuntary Examinations and Restraint and Seclusion (IERS) platform.

Yes

Parents of students receiving services are provided information about other behavioral health services available through the student's school or local community-based behavioral health service providers. Schools may meet this requirement by providing information about and internet addresses for web-based directories or guides for local behavioral health services.

Yes

## Planned Outcomes

**Identify two specific and measurable goals that will be accomplished within the 2022-23 school year, and specify which component of Charter Assurance 1.a. directs that goal (refer to the Guidance Tab if needed).**

The School Safety/Threat Assessment team will meet on a monthly basis with the purpose of reviewing current safety protocol, updating procedures as necessary, and determining appropriate coordination of resources, assessment, and responsive interventions for learners with identified mental health needs. For individuals(s) whose behavior poses a safety threat to PHS, interventions will be provided. Interventions are based on the level of threat, and could be any of those listed in Tiers 2 and/or 3. Outside referrals will be provided to families, based on identified needs. The School Safety/Threat Assessment team will also serve to meet the needs of all learners (Tier 1 interventions) by establishing school-wide procedures, utilizing best practices in teaching, increasing awareness of mental health needs and how to respond, and training of faculty and staff.

## Charter Program Implementation

<b>Evidence-Based Program</b>	Suite360
<b>Tiers of Implementation</b>	Tier 1
Describe the key EBP components that will be implemented as well as any related activities, curricula, programs, services, policies and strategies.	
<p>PHS is using the Suite360 Mental Health program. This program is evidence-based and was developed by a team of medical professionals, therapists, counselors, and educators. The Suite360 Mental Health program is widely used in both colleges and schools across the state and nation. It provides learners with information on mental health care, as well as what to do if they or someone they care about experiences symptoms of a mental health problem.</p>	
<p>Explain how your district will implement evidence-based mental health services for students to improve the early identification of social, emotional, behavioral problems or substance use disorders, as well as the likelihood of at-risk students developing social, emotional, behavioral problems, depression, anxiety disorders, suicidal tendencies, and how these will assist students dealing with trauma and violence.</p>	
<p>PHS School Counselors will administer all of the lessons with the students during a dedicated 45 minute time period that focuses on Suite360 Social-Emotional and Mental Health curriculum. Learners are meeting in small cohorts of no more than 20.</p> <p>Parents will be informed of resources, school procedures, and given assistance in identifying and addressing risk-factors of children with mental health needs.</p> <p>Parent Information sessions: Parent, family, and community involvement in education correlates with higher academic performance and school improvement. When schools, parents, families and communities work together to support learning, learners tend to earn higher grades, attend school more regularly, stay in school longer, and enroll in higher level programs. A focus on parental education and involvement will continue to be a focus with the development of a Parent Mental Health training, where parents are educated on topics such as: bullying (physical, verbal and cyber), social media, sexting, sex trafficking and other issues negatively affecting a learner's physical, emotional and mental health.</p>	
<p>Explain how the supports will deliver evidence-based mental health care assessment, diagnosis, intervention, treatment, and recovery services to students with one or more mental health or co-occurring substance abuse diagnoses and to students at high risk of such diagnoses.</p>	
<p>PHS will monitor Suite360 participating and ensure the program is completed with fidelity. Participation goal is 95%</p> <p>All learners will complete lessons, which will include the following topics: Mental Health facts vs. myths; reducing mental health stigmas, Mental Health Awareness and Assistance, Healthy Coping skills for teens, Supporting Someone with a Mental Health condition, Awareness of Resources and the processes for getting treatment, Substance abuse prevention, and Child trafficking prevention.</p>	

<b>Evidence-Based Program</b>	Suite360
<b>Tiers of Implementation</b>	Tier 2
Describe the key EBP components that will be implemented as well as any related activities, curricula, programs, services, policies and strategies.	
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Explain how your district will implement evidence-based mental health services for students to improve the early identification of social, emotional, behavioral problems or substance use disorders, as well as the likelihood of at-risk students developing social, emotional, behavioral problems, depression, anxiety disorders, suicidal tendencies, and how these will assist students dealing with trauma and violence.	
Provide small group counseling targeting specific populations, such as: learners of divorced families, LGBTQ learners, learners with social anxiety, etc. based on needs of current population and consent of families and learners.	
Explain how the supports will deliver evidence-based mental health care assessment, diagnosis, intervention, treatment, and recovery services to students with one or more mental health or co-occurring substance abuse diagnoses and to students at high risk of such diagnoses.	
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<b>Evidence-Based Program</b>	Suite360
<b>Tiers of Implementation</b>	Tier 3
Describe the key EBP components that will be implemented as well as any related activities, curricula, programs, services, policies and strategies.	
<p>PHS is using the Suite360 Mental Health program. This program is evidence-based and was developed by a team of medical professionals, therapists, counselors, and educators. The Suite360 Mental Health program is widely used in both colleges and schools across the state and nation. It provides learners with information on mental health care, as well as what to do if they or someone they care about experiences symptoms of a mental health problem.</p>	
<p>Explain how your district will implement evidence-based mental health services for students to improve the early identification of social, emotional, behavioral problems or substance use disorders, as well as the likelihood of at-risk students developing social, emotional, behavioral problems, depression, anxiety disorders, suicidal tendencies, and how these will assist students dealing with trauma and violence.</p>	
<p>The PHS Threat Assessment Team will assist schools in problem solving unique situations, review at-risk data or systemic issues for at-risk learners. The TAT will meet monthly or more often if warranted</p> <p>PHS will use an established referral and follow-up process for learners in need of Tier 3 interventions.</p> <p>PHS will provide parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of a learner identified in need of Tier 3 interventions with a list of local mental health services provided.</p> <p>PHS personnel (including the guidance counselor and a school administrator) will be in communication with parent(s)/legal guardian(s), primary care physician, and mental health provider(s) given legal consent to exchange information (per FERPA requirements) regarding a learner identified in need of Tier 3 interventions and receiving treatment. Recommendations made by mental health provider(s) and/or primary care providers will be considered and implemented in the school setting, unless it is not possible or appropriate to provide those recommendations.</p> <p>One-on-one counseling at school by the school counselor and in collaboration with outside agencies to provide counseling to learners that have experienced trauma and violence, and/or been a victim of abuse, and/or have a diagnosed mental health disorder.</p> <p>Specific and appropriate accommodations will be provided, as needed to aid a learner with mental health needs in the recovery process.</p> <p>PHS will establish partnerships with community mental health service providers, such as: St. Joseph's Hospital (Baycare Health Systems), Tampa General Hospital, and GracePoint Wellness Center.</p>	
<p>Explain how the supports will deliver evidence-based mental health care assessment, diagnosis, intervention, treatment, and recovery services to students with one or more mental health or co-occurring substance abuse diagnoses and to students at high risk of such diagnoses.</p>	
<p>PHS is using the Suite360 Mental Health program. This program is evidence-based and was developed by a team of medical professionals, therapists, counselors, and educators. The Suite360 Mental Health program is widely used in both colleges and schools across the state and nation. It provides learners with information on mental health care, as well as what to do if they or someone they care about experiences symptoms of a mental health problem.</p>	

<b>Evidence-Based Program</b>	
<b>Tiers of Implementation</b>	[none selected]
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Explain how the supports will deliver evidence-based mental health care assessment, diagnosis, intervention, treatment, and recovery services to students with one or more mental health or co-occurring substance abuse diagnoses and to students at high risk of such diagnoses.	

## Direct Employment

### MHAA Plan Direct Employment

#### School Counselor

*Current Ratio as of August 1, 2022*

**1:250 x 3**

*2022-2023 proposed Ratio by June 30, 2023*

**1:250 x 3**

#### School Social Worker

*Current Ratio as of August 1, 2022*

**N/A**

*2022-2023 proposed Ratio by June 30, 2023*

**N/A**

#### School Psychologist

*Current Ratio as of August 1, 2022*

**N/A**

*2022-2023 proposed Ratio by June 30, 2023*

**N/A**

#### Other Licensed Mental Health Provider

*Current Ratio as of August 1, 2022*

**N/A**

*2022-2023 proposed Ratio by June 30, 2023*

**N/A**

### Direct employment policy, roles and responsibilities

**Explain how direct employment of school-based mental health services providers (school psychologists, school social workers, school counselors and other licensed mental health professionals) will reduce staff-to-student ratios.**

PHS has one full-time certified school counselor with a mental health first-aid certificate. Additionally, 100% of staff will receive youth mental health first-aid training by 9/1/2022.

**Describe your school's established policies and procedures to increase the amount of time student services personnel spend providing direct mental health services (e.g., review and revision of staffing allocations based on school or student mental health assistance needs).**

PHS counselors will meet with learners during a dedicated 45 minute time period that focuses on Suite360 Social-Emotional and Mental Health curriculum.

**Describe the role of school based mental health providers and community-based partners in the implementation of your evidence-based mental health program.**

All learners will complete 8 lessons within Suite360 with the guidance of the school counselors.

### Community Contracts/Interagency Agreements

**List the contracts or interagency agreements with local behavioral health providers or Community Action Team (CAT) services and specify the type of behavioral health services being provided on or off the school campus.**

We do not have contracts with these agencies, but there are the local resources available when needed:

BayCare Behavioral Health/St. Joseph's Hospital <https://baycare.org/services/behavioral-health>

Grace Point Wellness Center <https://www.gracepointwellness.org/>

Tampa General Hospital <https://www.tgh.org/services/psychology-neuropsychology-services>

University of South Florida (USF) Psychiatric and Behavioral Neurosciences <https://health.usf.edu/medicine/psychiatry>

### MHAA Planned Funds and Expenditures

#### Allocation Funding Summary

**MHAA funds provided in the 2022-2023 Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP)**

\$ 33,666.00

**Unexpended MHAA funds from previous fiscal years as stated in your 2021-2022 MHAA Plan**

**Grand Total MHAA Funds**

\$ 33,666.00

#### MHAA planned Funds and Expenditures Form

Please complete the MHAA planned Funds and Expenditures Form to verify the use of funds in accordance with (s.) 1011.62 Florida Statutes.

The allocated funds may not supplant funds that are provided for this purpose from other operating funds and may not be used to increase salaries or provide bonuses. School districts are encouraged to maximize third-party health insurance benefits and Medicaid claiming for services, where appropriate.

The following documents were submitted as evidence for this section:

MHAA Planned Expenditures Report 2022-2023 (004) (1).pdf
MHAA planned Funds and Expenditures Form

[Document Link](#)

### **Charter Governing Board Approval**

This application certifies that the **Hillsborough County Public Schools** governing board has approved the Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan, which outlines the local program and planned expenditures to establish or expand school-based mental health care consistent with the statutory requirements for the mental health assistance allocation in accordance with section 1011.62(14), F.S.

#### **Governing Board Approval date**

Wednesday 7/27/2022