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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).**

Goal 1: To have all employees complete Mental Health Training

Goal 2: To provide more direct support to Tier I,II, and III students through before and afterschool programs

Goal 3: To financially maintain the position of School Mental Health Counselor

## Charter Program Implementation

<b>Evidence-Based Program</b>	Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA)
<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.	
Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA): Provided by Orange County Public Schools, this training is designed to teach adults how to help children/adolescents who may be experiencing a mental health crisis. Increased awareness at the tier one level will help to support identification of students who may need additional services or interventions.	
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.	
In 22-23, OSES will send staff members to participate in the training. These trainings will take place at middle schools and high schools throughout the district so that all staff members will have multiple sessions available in their communities.	
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>The outcomes of this EBP will be measured by attendance, as well as demonstrated competencies in mental health literacy through successful completion of the end of course exam.</p> <p>Our goals are to have 100% of school staff trained by July 1, 2023, and to have 100% of staff members pass their end of course exams.</p>	

<b>Evidence-Based Program</b>	Second Step
<b>Tiers of Implementation</b>	Tier 2, Tier 3
Describe the key EBP components that will be implemented as well as any related activities, curricula, programs, services, policies and strategies.	
The Second Step program helps make social-emotional learning (SEL) part of children's daily lives, in and outside the classroom. When implemented holistically, SEL can create positive systemic change that builds safe learning environments and addresses the needs of children, educators, and communities.	
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.	
The school will provide morning and/or after school clubs, that are teacher lead, using the Second Step curriculum. Targeted students will be encouraged to join the club.	
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.	
The desired outcome of this program is a decrease in the number of disciplinary and/or threats (to self and/or to others).	

<b>Evidence-Based Program</b>	Sanford Harmony
<b>Tiers of Implementation</b>	Tier 1, Tier 2
Describe the key EBP components that will be implemented as well as any related activities, curricula, programs, services, policies and strategies.	
Sanford Harmony is a social and emotional learning program for K-6 grade students. The program fosters knowledge, skills, and attitudes boys and girls need to develop healthy identities, create meaningful relationships, and engage productively by providing SEL learning resources, tools, and strategies.	
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.	
The school will provide morning and/or after school clubs, that are teacher lead, using the Sanford Harmony curriculum. Targeted students will be encouraged to join the club, however all students will have access to the club.	
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.	
The desired outcome of this program is a decrease in the number of disciplinary and/or threats (to self and/or to others).	

<b>Evidence-Based Program</b>	
<b>Tiers of Implementation</b>	[none selected]
Describe the key EBP components that will be implemented as well as any related activities, curricula, programs, services, policies and strategies.	
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.	
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*



**1:724**

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

**1:724**

#### **School Social Worker**

*Current Ratio as of August 1, 2022*

**1:2300**

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

**1:2300**

#### **School Psychologist**

*Current Ratio as of August 1, 2022*

**1:8051**

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

**1:8051**

#### **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.**

Orlando Science Elementary employees one full time licensed School Mental Health Counselor. We feel the one counselor is sufficient for our school population, however the additional funding allows us to maintain the position and remain competitive with other professional salaries.

**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).**

The administration members meet to review school-wide data and determine the needs of schools and students. They then collaborate with the principal supervisors who meet with principals and school student services team members. Using the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) process, student needs are matched to appropriate interventions. Documentation of direct services is collected and reviewed monthly in order to monitor the amount of time spent on direct services.

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

Community based partners provide supports at Tier 3 with individualized mental health interventions. They also support by providing referrals for students who may need wraparound services in the community.

### **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.**

Agency: Aspire Heath Partners Services: Individual Counseling/Direct service  
 Agency: Deveraux Services: Individual Counseling/Direct service  
 Agency: Kinder Konsulting Services: Individual Counseling/Direct service  
 Agency: Hispanic Family Counseling Services: Individual Counseling/Direct service  
 Agency: A Better Therapy Services: Individual Counseling/Direct service  
 Agency: Impower Services: Individual Counseling/Direct service  
 Agency: Psychamerica Behavioral Services: Individual Counseling/Direct service  
 Agency: North Star Counseling Services: Individual Counseling/Direct service  
 Agency: Adapt Behavioral Services Services: Individual Counseling/Direct service  
 Agency: Children's Home Society Services: Individual Counseling/Direct service  
 Agency: A Great Life Services Services: Individual Counseling/Direct service  
 Agency: Anthropol Florida Services: Individual Counseling/Direct service  
 Agency: Advanced Psychiatric Solutions Services: Individual Counseling/Direct service  
 Agency: A Children's Place Services: Individual Counseling/Direct service  
 Agency: Positive Behavior Solutions Services: Individual Counseling/Direct service  
 Agency: Phoenix Counseling Services Services: Individual Counseling/Direct service

**MHAA Planned Funds and Expenditures**

**Allocation Funding Summary**

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

\$ 30,940.00

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

\$ 0.00

**Grand Total MHAA Funds**

\$ 30,940.00

**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:

*No files were uploaded*

**Charter Governing Board Approval**

This application certifies that the **Orange 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**

Sunday 7/31/2022