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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).**

1. Individuals served increased
2. Average number of clinical services per individual increased
3. Average number of support services per individual increased

## Charter Program Implementation

<b>Evidence-Based Program</b>	Pillars of Virtue
<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.	
Six pillars; (responsibility, respect, courage, courtesy, honesty, and citizenship).	
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.	
This program teaches a universal set of core values based on the six pillars as complements to the four classical virtues (temperance, fortitude, justice, and prudence).	
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>Improve:                      Post-traumatic stress symptoms (parent and child reported), anxiety symptoms (child reported), emotional regulation (parent reported), and emotional/behavioral problems (parent reported).</p> <p>In terms of risk and protective factors, improve on measures of social adjustment (child reported).</p>	

<b>Evidence-Based Program</b>	REACH
<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.	
This program is offered to our students through Martin County Health and Human Services (MCHHS). It is not run or governed by the Martin County School District.	
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.	
When a student exhibits certain behaviors that would result in Alternative Placement according to the Code of Student Conduct, they may be eligible for the REACH Program. (cognitive, emotional, behavioral/ tier 2.	
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>Improve:</p> <p>Post-traumatic stress symptoms (parent and child reported), anxiety symptoms (child reported), emotional regulation (parent reported), and emotional/behavioral problems (parent reported).</p> <p>In terms of risk and protective factors, improve on measures of social adjustment (child reported).</p>	

<b>Evidence-Based Program</b>	Martin County Health and Human Services
<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.	
This county department will provide information to support school district staff in post intervention planning for students returning to their school after Baker Act or completion of REACH.	
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.	
This county department will provide information to support school district staff in post-intervention planning for students returning to their school after Baker Act or completion of REACH.	
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>Improve:                      Post-traumatic stress symptoms (parent and child reported), anxiety symptoms (child reported), emotional regulation (parent reported), and emotional/behavioral problems (parent reported).</p> <p>In terms of risk and protective factors, improve on measures of social adjustment (child reported).</p>	

<b>Evidence-Based Program</b>	Collaborative partnerships with community providers and agencies that ensures the implementation of mental health services will be sought.
<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.	
Mental Health Providers – Mental health providers are selected based on a competitive RFP process.	
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 mental health providers identify, consult, treat, triage and manage students with emotional/behavioral health needs to improve their ability to function in school.	
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>Improve:                      Post-traumatic stress symptoms (parent and child reported), anxiety symptoms (child reported), emotional regulation (parent reported), and emotional/behavioral problems (parent reported).</p> <p>In terms of risk and protective factors, improve on measures of social adjustment (child reported).</p>	

<b>Evidence-Based Program</b>	Mental Health First Aid/Suicide Prevention Training
<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>Mental Health First Aid is a 6 -hour course that gives people the skills to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. The evidence behind the program demonstrates that it does build mental health literacy, helping the public identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness.</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 district is awaiting final direction from the state to determine the requirements for staff training. (cognitive, emotional, behavioral/crisis support)</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>Improve:                      Post-traumatic stress symptoms (parent and child reported), anxiety symptoms (child reported), emotional regulation (parent reported), and emotional/behavioral problems (parent reported).</p> <p>In terms of risk and protective factors, improve on measures of social adjustment (child reported).</p>	

<b>Evidence-Based Program</b>	Legacy Behavioral Health Center
<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.	
Individual and group therapy for children and adolescents. Substance abuse services for adolescents.	
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.	
Therapeutic Behavioral On-Site Services available for intensive therapy within school environment. Targeted Case Management.	
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>Improve:                      Post-traumatic stress symptoms (parent and child reported), anxiety symptoms (child reported), emotional regulation (parent reported), and emotional/behavioral problems (parent reported).</p> <p>In terms of risk and protective factors, improve on measures of social adjustment (child reported).</p>	

<b>Evidence-Based Program</b>	Student Safety Assessment Plan
<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.	
Determine a student's potential threat to self or others.	
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.	
A safety plan that includes an assessment to determine a student's potential threat to self or others. Including working with MC Health & Human Services to plan for post Baker Act support. (emotional, behavioral/crisis support)	
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.	
Post-traumatic stress symptoms (parent and child reported), anxiety symptoms (child reported), emotional regulation (parent reported), and emotional/behavioral problems (parent reported).	
In terms of risk and protective factors, improve on measures of social adjustment (child reported).	

<b>Evidence-Based Program</b>	Trauma Informed Care
<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.	
Trauma-Informed Care in Schools is an organizational structure that involves recognizing and responding to the effects of all types of trauma.	
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.	
This practice makes staff aware of Trauma- Informed Care and the ways it can positively affect a child's academic performance and mental health. Tykes & Teens trainer trains school staff in Trauma Informed Practices (cognitive, emotional, behavioral/ tier 1)	
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.	
Post-traumatic stress symptoms (parent and child reported), anxiety symptoms (child reported), emotional regulation (parent reported), and emotional/behavioral problems (parent reported).  In terms of risk and protective factors, improve on measures of social adjustment (child reported).	

<b>Evidence-Based Program</b>	Yellow Brick Road
<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.	
Selected group of middle and high school at-risk youth that participate in leadership workshops. (cognitive, emotional, behavioral/tier 2)	
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.	
A selected group of middle and high school at-risk youth that participate in leadership workshops. (cognitive, emotional, behavioral/tier 2)	
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.	
Post-traumatic stress symptoms (parent and child reported), anxiety symptoms (child reported), emotional regulation (parent reported), and emotional/behavioral problems (parent reported).  In terms of risk and protective factors, improve on measures of social adjustment (child reported).	

<b>Evidence-Based Program</b>	Treasure Coast Hospice
<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.	
Grief Support Services for children	
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.	
Grief Support Services for children.	
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.	
Post-traumatic stress symptoms (parent and child reported), anxiety symptoms (child reported), emotional regulation (parent reported), and emotional/behavioral problems (parent reported).	
In terms of risk and protective factors, improve on measures of social adjustment (child reported).	

**Direct Employment**

**MHAA Plan Direct Employment**

**School Counselor**

*Current Ratio as of August 1, 2022*  
**1042 to 1**

*2022-2023 proposed Ratio by June 30, 2023*  
**600 to 1 (1200/2)**

**School Social Worker**

*Current Ratio as of August 1, 2022*  
**None**

*2022-2023 proposed Ratio by June 30, 2023*  
**None**

**School Psychologist**

*Current Ratio as of August 1, 2022*  
**10% Part time to 1042**

*2022-2023 proposed Ratio by June 30, 2023*  
**10% Part time to 1207**

**Other Licensed Mental Health Provider**

*Current Ratio as of August 1, 2022*

**None**

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

**None**

### **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.**

We have hired a school counselor and will increase with enrollment.

**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).**

Our procedure, (6200-SOM-P) Staffing Procedure includes the following steps:

1. Assess Manpower Needs (based on expected student needs)
2. Recruit appropriate staff candidates
3. Select appropriate staff candidates
4. Place and orient appropriate staff
5. Train and develop appropriate staff

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

The roles and responsibilities of the school counselor include, but are not limited to:

- Addressing mental health promotion, prevention, and intervention;
- Processing referrals;
- Processing parental consents;
- Tracking and reporting results.

The roles and responsibilities of the school based therapists include, but are not limited to:

- Promoting a full continuum of care across a multi-tiered system of mental health supports;
- Providing a broader array of services and to be part of school teams;
- Addressing mental health promotion, prevention, and intervention that is more intensive as part of the teaming and collaborative efforts in school.

### **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.**

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New Horizons of the Treasure Coast New Horizons of the Treasure\ Coast Mental Health Risk Assessments

## MHAA Planned Funds and Expenditures

### Allocation Funding Summary

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

\$ 0.00

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

\$ 50,000.00

**Grand Total MHAA Funds**

\$ 50,000.00

### 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 **Martin County School District** 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

Tuesday 7/19/2022