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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 mental health. 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).**

Decreased discipline referrals

## Charter Program Implementation

<b>Evidence-Based Program</b>	Blue Menu of Evidence-Based Psychosocial Interventions for Youth and the SAMHSA Evidence-Based Practices Resource Center
<b>Tier(s) of Implementation</b>	Tier 1
Describe the key EBP components that will be implemented.	
<p>Positive Action - A school-based social emotional learning program for students in elementary and middle schools to increase positive behavior, reduce negative behavior, and improve social and emotional learning and school climate.</p> <p>Positive Action (PA) is a school-based program that includes school-wide climate change and a detailed curriculum with lessons 2-4 times a week-approximately 140 15-minute lessons per grade K-6 and 82 15-20 minute lessons per grade 7 and 8. Lessons for each grade level are scripted and age-appropriate. All materials necessary to teach the lesson are provided including posters, puppets, music, games, and other hands-on materials integrated into the lessons. Students' materials include activity booklets, journals and other lesson aids. The content of the program is included in six units that form the foundation for the whole program. The first unit teaches the philosophy of the program and the Thoughts-Actions-Feelings about Self Circle, and provides an introduction to the nature and relevancy of positive and negative actions/behaviors. Units 2-6 teach the positive actions for the physical, intellectual, social and emotional areas. There are two school-wide climate development kits (elementary and secondary) and a Counselor's Kit. The contents delivered through the climate development and counselor kits reinforce the classroom curriculum by coordinating the efforts of the entire school in the practice and reinforcement of positive actions.</p>	
<p>Explain how your district will implement evidence-based mental health services for students to improve the early identification of social, emotional, or behavioral problems or substance use disorders, as well as the likelihood of at risk students developing social emotional or behavioral problems, depression, anxiety disorders or suicidal tendencies, and how these will assist students dealing with trauma and violence.</p>	
<p>The certified school social worker, in collaboration with classroom teachers, will deliver lessons 2-4 times a week-approximately, 15-minute lessons per grade K-6 and 15-20 minute lessons per grade 7 and 8. Lessons for each grade level are scripted and age-appropriate.</p> <p>School-climate programs (elementary and secondary) will also be utilized. They reinforce the classroom curriculum through coordinating the efforts of the entire school in the practice and reinforcement of positive actions. The school principal and a PA Committee will administer this component with representatives from the faculty at each grade level, support staff, parents, students and community members. The principal is responsible for 1) initiating the adoption process, 2) appointing a PA coordinator and a PA committee, 3) coordinating training and professional development workshops and work groups, and 4) coordinating multiple resources. To encourage positivity throughout the school, The principal will encourage the use of provided materials -- such as stickers, tokens, posters, music CDs, words of the week cards, certificates, balloons, and ICU Doing Something Positive boxes. For the secondary level there is a PALs Club with membership cards, a Peace Flag, Buzz Words and SOS Boxes. The Principal is also provided with information on creating newsletters, and conducting assemblies and celebrations for Positive Action.</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>	

Screening assessments will be used to identify youth and young adults at risk for or struggling with SUD, mental illnesses, or co-occurring conditions, in collaboration with the Threat Assessment Team. Follow-up with the parent/guardian to ensure that the student is receiving appropriate services from a mental health specialist. Upon return, the social worker will check in with the student weekly.

## Direct Employment

### MHAA Plan Direct Employment

#### School Counselor

*Current Ratio as of August 1, 2022*

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

#### School Social Worker

*Current Ratio as of August 1, 2022*

**1 to 80**

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

**1-100**

#### School Psychologist

*Current Ratio as of August 1, 2022*

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

#### Other Licensed Mental Health Provider

*Current Ratio as of August 1, 2022*

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

### 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.**

As a school population of less than 220 students, one school counselor can adequately provide direct services for all students

**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).**

Student services personnel will increase the amount of time of provided mental health services through school counseling curriculum and targeted (tier 2) small group counseling

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

To connect students to people, programs and practices based on their level of need.

### 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.**

Gracepoint Mental Health  
Screening, evaluation services and crisis

**MHAA Planned Funds and Expenditures**

**Allocation Funding Summary**

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

\$ 7,176.00

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

\$ 0.00

**Grand Total MHAA Funds**

\$ 7,176.00

**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 Statues.

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-Legacy_Preparatory_Academy-6621.pdf
<i>Planned Funds and Expenditures 2022-2023</i>
<a href="#">Document Link</a>

**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**

Tuesday 7/26/2022