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2023-24 Mental Health Application

Part I: Youth Mental Health Awareness Training Plan

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Introduction

Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan

s. 1006.041, F.S.

MHAA Plan Assurances

The Charter School Assures

One hundred percent of state funds are used to establish or 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

Other sources of funding will be maximized 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

A system is included 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

Yes

Curriculum and materials purchased using MHAA funds have received a thorough review and all content is in compliance with State Board of Education Rules and Florida Statutes.

Yes

A charter governing board policy or procedure 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-4.0010, F.A.C.

Yes

Assisting a mental health services provider or a behavioral health provider as described ins. 1006.041, 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 ins. 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 ins. 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, 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

The Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan must be focused on a multitiered system of supports to 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. s. 1006.041, F.S.

Yes

District Program Implementation

Evidence-Based Program	Staff training in mental health issues and at risk behavior identification
Tier(s) of Implementation	Tier 1
Describe the key EBP components that will be implemented.	
Youth Mental Health First Aid Training Kognito at Risk Modules Suicide Risk Training	
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.	
Increase the number of staff trained this year to 50% of 300 staff. Number of staff making referrals for mental health screening involving suicidal ideation or threat assessment to the contracted psychologist, after CSTAG, Florida Threat Management System, or other assessments preferred in state statute	
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.	
This will widen the amount of staff able to make student referrals for mental health screening involving suicidal ideation or threat assessments, and better identify students as needed to Counselor, SSW, or contracted school psychologist	

Evidence-Based Program	Counselor and social worker training in Threat Assessment training/ Suicide assessment Training
Tier(s) of Implementation	Tier 1, Tier 2
Describe the key EBP components that will be implemented.	
4 school counselors and 1 School Social Worker for our system will be trained in Threat Assessment training/Suicide Assessment Training.	
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.	
Counselors serve as the first means of intervention and identification of mental health assistance. The SSW may assist with the required assessment, or further assess the students. A case plan is developed, that defines the nature of and frequency of the counseling, the length of time for the sessions to take place, and the goal of treatment. Sessions will be determined on individual need.	
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.	
Students identified as needing social, emotional supports will be referred for further intervention through the SSW/School Counselor. Our goal is to reduce the amount of referrals to the contracted psychologist by 10%.	

Evidence-Based Program	Individual counseling with student at the school level
Tier(s) of Implementation	Tier 2, Tier 3
Describe the key EBP components that will be implemented.	
School Counselor, SSW, or contracted psychologist, will provide behavioral therapy, supportive listening, stress/emotion management, problem solving skills.	
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.	
School Counselor will intervene and identify students' mental health needs. The SSW may assist with the required assessment, or further assess the students.	
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.	
A case plan is developed, that will define the nature of and frequency of counseling, as well as the length of time for sessions, and goal of treatment.	

Direct Employment

MHAA Plan Direct Employment

School Counselor

Current Ratio as of August 1, 2023

1:809.25

2023-2024 proposed Ratio by June 30, 2024

no anticipated changes

School Social Worker

Current Ratio as of August 1, 2023

1:3306

2023-2024 proposed Ratio by June 30, 2024

No anticipated changes

School Psychologist

Current Ratio as of August 1, 2023

n/a

2023-2024 proposed Ratio by June 30, 2024

n/a

Other Licensed Mental Health Provider

Current Ratio as of August 1, 2023

contracted

2023-2024 proposed Ratio by June 30, 2024

contracted

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.

The SSW and contracted school psychologist assist on an "as needed basis" in any of the four schools. The SSW is divided among the four schools, .25 per school: System ratio 1:3306

Describe your district'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).

Certified School Counselors and one SSW are full time, onsite employees and are accessible to students at all times. Students are able to request to go to the counselors in case of emergency. Counselors/SSW use electronic forms for student requests.

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

Teachers are trained to identify potential mental health issues or needs with students and refer the students to a school counselor or SSW. Counselors provide intervention and identification of mental health assistance.

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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MHAA Planned Funds and Expenditures

Allocation Funding Summary

MHAA funds provided in the 2023-2024 Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP)

\$ 45,491.00

Unexpended MHAA funds from previous fiscal years

Grand Total MHAA Funds

\$ 45,491.00

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.) 1006.041 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_2023-2024_amended.pdf
<i>4143 OES Planned Funds and Expenditures</i>
Document Link

Charter Governing Board Approval

This application certifies that the **The School District of Lee County** 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 8/15/2023