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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

<b>Evidence-Based Program</b>	School Based Mental Health Services
<b>Tier(s) of Implementation</b>	Tier 1, Tier 2
Describe the key EBP components that will be implemented.	
Individualized Counseling, Group Counseling, Psycho-educational Evaluations and Reporting, Functional Behavior Plans, Observations, Consultation, Threat Assessments	
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>RMA's school counselors and contracted school psychologist will train all staff members on services available and methods to refer students for assessment and/or services.</p> <p>RMA's school counselors will utilize an electronic Guidance Referral Google Form to facilitate connecting student in need with guidance and psychological services.</p> <p>School-based mental health service providers will monitor our anonymous reporting Google Form for reports/indications of students in crisis or in need of guidance or psychological services.</p> <p>RMA's MTSS team will provide a continuum of services to address Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 social-emotional, behavioral, and academic domains.</p> <p>Identified MTSS team members will monitor the implementation of services of assigned domains and collect data and share data with the MTSS team.</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.	
The implemented services will support students with potential or diagnosed mental health disorders through direct services provided by school based mental health providers or indirectly via referrals to local mental health service providers.	

<b>Evidence-Based Program</b>	Small Group Counseling
<b>Tier(s) of Implementation</b>	Tier 2, Tier 3
Describe the key EBP components that will be implemented.	
Small group counseling in the areas of stress and anxiety, relational aggression, emotional regulation, and response inhibition using programs including Skillstreaming, DBT Skills in Schools, and Executive Function Skills in the Classroom.	
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>RMA's school counselors and contracted school psychologist will identify students who may benefit from small group services by working with students, teachers, and families via varying methods including an electronic guidance referral Google Form, an anonymous bullying/incident reporting Google Form, parent conferences, and grade level and IST team meetings.</p> <p>RMA's school counselors and contracted school psychologist will implement sessions directly with identified students in small group formats. Sessions are highly structured using evidence-based protocols to address both core practices as well as interference barriers. Sessions typically occur once per week but can increase or decrease in frequency depending on need as well as topic and level of intervention needed.</p> <p>Identified MTSS team members will monitor the implementation of small group services collect data and share data with the MTSS team.</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>The implemented services will support students with potential or diagnosed mental health disorders through direct services provided by school based mental health providers and contracted school psychologist.</p> <p>Improvement in self-report, teacher report, and/or parent report of symptoms of anxiety, depression, trauma, or conduct disorder.</p> <p>Improvement in early warning and engagement indicators such as referrals, suspensions, attendance, and grades.</p>	

## Direct Employment

### MHAA Plan Direct Employment

#### School Counselor

*Current Ratio as of August 1, 2023*

**2 to 670**

*2023-2024 proposed Ratio by June 30, 2024*

**2 to 670**

### **School Social Worker**

*Current Ratio as of August 1, 2023*

**NA**

*2023-2024 proposed Ratio by June 30, 2024*

**NA**

### **School Psychologist**

*Current Ratio as of August 1, 2023*

**1 to 670**

*2023-2024 proposed Ratio by June 30, 2024*

**1 to 670**

### **Other Licensed Mental Health Provider**

*Current Ratio as of August 1, 2023*

**NA**

*2023-2024 proposed Ratio by June 30, 2024*

**NA**

## **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.**

Rowlett Middle Academy's two full-time certified school counselors and additional hours contracted with our licensed school psychologist will increase students' access to mental health services and reduce the staff to student ratios.

**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).**

Rowlett Middle Academy's two full-time certified school counselors will each be assigned half of the student population to service. Counselors will have flexible daily schedules that will permit them to provide direct student services to the greatest extent possible. RMA's licensed school psychologist will have a flexible schedule a minimum of one and a half days weekly to provide direct services to students. Students in crisis will be serviced immediately upon identification by any available member of the student services team.

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

Rowlett Middle Academy's two full-time certified school counselors and licensed school psychologist will collaborate with outside mental health agencies and other community resources to provide a continuum of services for students and increase access of services for students.

## **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.**

Desiree Mahiquez, Children's Psychological Services, Direct psychological assessment, group counseling, and consultation

## MHAA Planned Funds and Expenditures

### Allocation Funding Summary

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

\$ 38,063.00

**Unexpended MHAA funds from previous fiscal years**

\$ 0.00

**Grand Total MHAA Funds**

\$ 38,063.00

### 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:

[2120\\_RMA\\_MHAA\\_Planned\\_Expenditures\\_Report\\_23-24.pdf](#)

*2120 RMA MHAA Planned Expenditures Report 23-24*

[Document Link](#)

## Charter Governing Board Approval

This application certifies that the **Manatee 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 8/23/2023