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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>	Branching Minds MTSS Platform
<b>Tier(s) of Implementation</b>	Tier 1, Tier 2
Describe the key EBP components that will be implemented.	
<p>The Branching Minds MTSS Platform has embedded resources from organizations such as Harmony and other lesson resources to support mental health of students at Odyssey Charter School. The resources provided in Branching Minds provide explicit instruction and opportunities for practice in self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making.</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>Using the Branching Minds MTSS platform, teachers, social workers, guidance counselors and school administrators will be able to identify students who exhibit risk-factors of social, emotional, or behavioral problems or substance use disorders through the DESSA Assessment and teacher inquiry assessments to determine areas of need for students. Students who are identified at-risk through the assessments will then receive interventions from the school-based social workers and have progress data tracked in the Branching Minds Platform to determine if the interventions provided are effective or if additional interventions would be necessary. School based social workers will choose interventions from the Branching Minds MTSS platform after administering the DESSA assessment and collecting additional feedback from teachers, parents, and students.</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>Social workers and guidance counselors will choose the intervention in Branching Minds MTSS, create groups or plans for students, collect data on student performance which includes grades, attendance, intervention, and survey data to provide mental health care to students and families. Social workers and guidance counselors will also provide resources to families for additional outside resources to support mental health care.</p>	

## Direct Employment

### MHAA Plan Direct Employment

#### School Counselor

*Current Ratio as of August 1, 2023*  
**0:448**

*2023-2024 proposed Ratio by June 30, 2024*  
**0:448**

#### School Social Worker

*Current Ratio as of August 1, 2023*  
**1:448**

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

**1:448**

### **School Psychologist**

*Current Ratio as of August 1, 2023*

**1:448**

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

**1:448**

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

*Current Ratio as of August 1, 2023*

**1:448**

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

**1:448**

## **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.**

Odyssey Preparatory Academy employs 1 part time social worker, 1 part time school psychologist, and one full time behavior technician professional to 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).**

School-based social workers are scheduled throughout the school day to provide direct mental health services to students. The new Branching Minds MTSS platform will assist in the data tracking and analysis to allow social workers and guidance counselors to spend more time in direct contact with students. Assessments provided through the platform will aid in the identification of students needing mental health services and identifying targeted areas for student mental health. This will allow social workers and guidance counselors to maximize their efforts in providing mental health services to students.

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

The school-based social workers provide direct services to students to improve mental health and support families in locating outside service providers as necessary. Brevard Public Schools (sponsor) provides connections with Helping Hands and Kinder Consulting to provide additional mental health supports.

## **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.**

Brevard Public Schools (sponsor) provides connections to Helping Hands and Kinder Consulting for additional mental health supports.

## **MHAA Planned Funds and Expenditures**

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

\$ 25,431.00

**Unexpended MHAA funds from previous fiscal years**

\$ 0.00

**Grand Total MHAA Funds**

\$ 25,431.00

**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:

OPA_MHAA_Planned_Expenditures_Report_2023-2024_.pdf
OPA Planned Funds and Expenditures
<a href="#">Document Link</a>

**Charter Governing Board Approval**

This application certifies that the **Brevard 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 5/17/2023