

Overview of Draft Plan for SBMH Grant 2024

\$3,000,000 a year X 5 years

PURPOSE: To increase the number of credentialed school-based mental health services providers providing mental health services to students in LEAs with demonstrated need

Types of SBMH providers to be included: School Counselors, School Psychologists, School Social Workers

Two streams of activities:

- Hire MH professionals in a stepped cohort process, based on ratios
- Build Career Pathways in schools to interest students in MH careers

Activities would involve:

- Two sections in Institute for Empowerment Steering Committee
 - Mental Health Professionals
 - Career Pathways
- Supervision provision for certification/licensure
- Contracts with agencies for MH services
- YouScience for all districts
- Creating Mental Health Career Pathway plans in high schools along with providing supportive funding for this work in each district
- Building relationships with IHEs
- Mental Health, Grant Management, and Career Pathway conference travel
- Professional learning for district in each cohort
- Staff in districts:
 - District coordinator (stipend)
 - 8 MH professionals in year 2-5 (new)
 - 8 MH professionals in year 3-5 (new)
 - 7 MH professionals in year 4-5 (new)
 - Services of new MH professionals to be hired to be based on need as demonstrated by ratios in schools now (Goal: School Counselors, 250 students to 1; School Psychologists, 500:1; School Social Workers, 250:1)
- In years with new MH Professionals, \$1,000 to each district with new MH Professionals for materials and supplies and \$2,400 for year of hiring for hiring/setup expenses. Limited funding also will be available to support career pathway development.
- Staff at NKCES:
 - Project Director and Project Coordinator
 - Mental Health Coach
 - Finance/Operations Assistant
 - Pathway/IHE Coordinator (year 4, 5)
 - Retention Specialist (year 4, 5)
 - Mental Health Provider (year 4, 5)