





## **TEA** Mental Wellness Team



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1) AWARE Grant and Title IVA Behavioral Health Capacity Building Background

2) The Why?

3) Legislation

4) TEA Mental Health and Wellness Resources



## **TEM** Workshop Objectives

By the end of this session, participants will have a deeper understanding of the importance of providing mental health supports in the school and community settings.

By the end of this session, participants will know where to find additional resources to address mental health supports.





# Project AWARE Texas Where We Started & Where We Are Headed





#### **AWARE TEXAS Grant Partners**

Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education

SAMHSA Grants



**Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education** 



**BRIDGE CITY ISD** 

Home of the Cardinals

Evidence-Based Practices



**Targeted** 

Mental Health Services and **Supports** 

Few

Intensive

Services







#### Universal

**Prevention Best Practices and** Mental Health Awareness **Activities** 







Direct MH Services



#### **Project AWARE Texas – Competitive SEA Grant from SAMHSA**



- Increase and improve access to culturally competent and developmentally appropriate school and community-based mental health services.
- Increase awareness and identification of mental health issues among adults working with young people.
- Help students develop skills that promote resilience, self-regulation and pro-social behaviors, avert development of mental health disorders and prevent youth violence.
- Develop an infrastructure that will sustain services at LEA/ESC's and build statewide capacity for promoting mental health awareness, wellness, and evidenced-based practices.



### **Project AWARE Texas Implementation**



- Mental and behavioral health specialists in schools
- ✓ PBIS/Integrated Systems Framework (ISF) for Mental Health and Comprehensive School Mental Health Systems
- ✓ School climate surveys
- ✓ SHAPE Assessment- National measure that helps schools build a comprehensive SMH System (www.schoolmentalhealth.org/SHAPE)
- Training in evidence-based practices (CBITS, CPS, PAX Good Behavior Game, YMHFA, Trauma and Mindfulness Practices, Psychological First Aid for Schools, other)
- Comprehensive Service Delivery Plan for SMH (Planned in an MTSS)
- Mental health awareness training
- **✓** Screening for early identification of mental/behavioral health needs
- ✓ Prevention, mental health interventions and supports, treatment provided school-based and community-based through referral pathways
- ✓ School/Parent/Community Partnerships



# **AWARE Team**



Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education













#### **AWARE Texas Expansion Consortium (2021-2026)**



\* AWARE Texas Expansion LEA Partners: Elgin ISD, Manor ISD, San Marcos ISD

**Training and Technical Assistance Support –** LEA Coach: ESC 13



❖ LMHA Partners: Bluebonnet Trails Community Services, Hill Country Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Center, Integral Care

❖ AWARE State Leadership Team: TEA – Project Coordinator; HHSC – Project Co-Coordinator; Texas Institute for Excellence in Mental Health at UT Austin – Project Evaluator



#### **ESC School Mental Health Professional Learning Community**



Develop a PLC with at least 5 small/rural LEAs in each of the 20 regions

and relationships for collaboration between schools, LMHA's and other providers

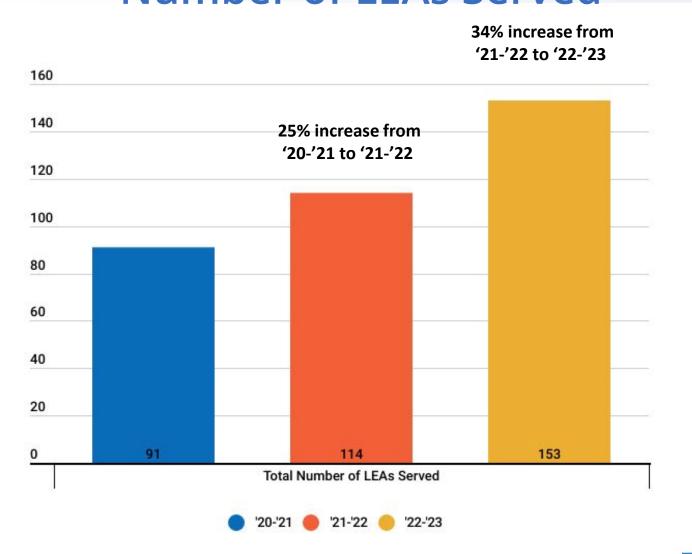
Title IV, Part A
ESC Small and Rural
Behavioral Health
Capacity Building Grant

Assess behavioral health needs in LEAs

Train and support LEA Cohort on Behavioral Health Practice Guide Tools



### Small and Rural Behavioral Health Capacity Building Grants Title IVA- Data Highlights-Number of LEAs Served



In total, ESCs served 53 more LEAs from Mar. '22 to Feb. '23 than the baseline expectation of 100 LEAs served. Over the last 3 years, ESCs have served on average, 20% more LEAs than the baseline expectation of 100 LEAs served.



# Data Highlights-Key activities accomplished by ESCs from Mar. 2022 – Feb. 2023







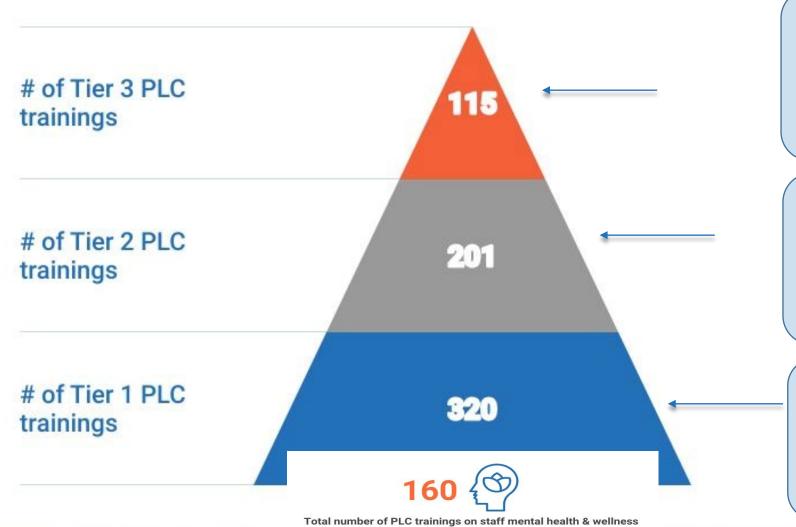






# **TEA** PLC Topics Covered

#### Total number of PLC trainings: 514



- Mental Health Needs (i.e. anxiety, depression, grief, trauma) Interventions, services and support for identified students
- **Telehealth Resources (TCHATT)**
- **Goal Setting with Students, Behavior Tracking** and Behavioral Threat Assessments
- **Relation Centered Learning & Restorative Circles**
- **Parenting Courses**
- **Group Early Interventions for students at risk**

- **Needs Assessment, SHAPE Assessment, Resource Mapping & Funding**
- **Universal Screenings & Climate Surveys**
- **Bullying Prevention, Suicide Prevention, Trauma Informed Care, and Staff Wellness**









#### A Contextual Theory Example: Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs



# Teaching and Learning occurs in the context of:

- human development
- the person in the environment
- the person in their relationships
- the person's vision of self and for their future
- the whole child



# Research: Trauma Informed Practices Lens A Trauma Informed Approach in Schools for Building Resilience and Well-being



Reduce or Mitigate Against Risk Factors Increase Promotive and Protective Factors

Resilience, Mental Health, Healthy Development, Learning, and Well-being



# Grounding and Reflection: After SB 11 86R – Interconnected Responsibilities and Alignment Towards a Shared Statewide Goal





Increased coordination amongst school safety stakeholders



Increased data collection to drive continuous improvement

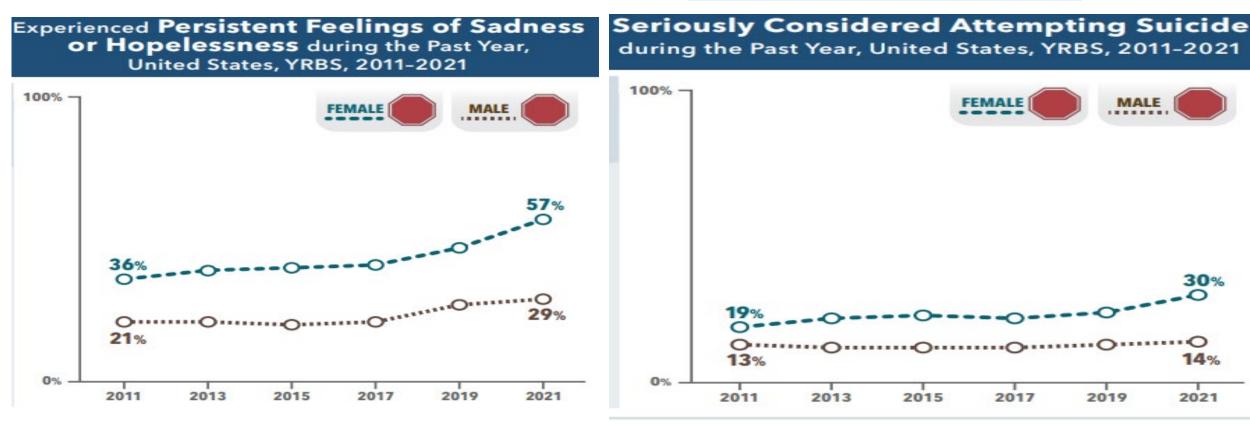


Increased support for and coordination within campuses



#### **Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results - After COVID 19**

Mental health concerns among youth are still on the rise after the pandemic.



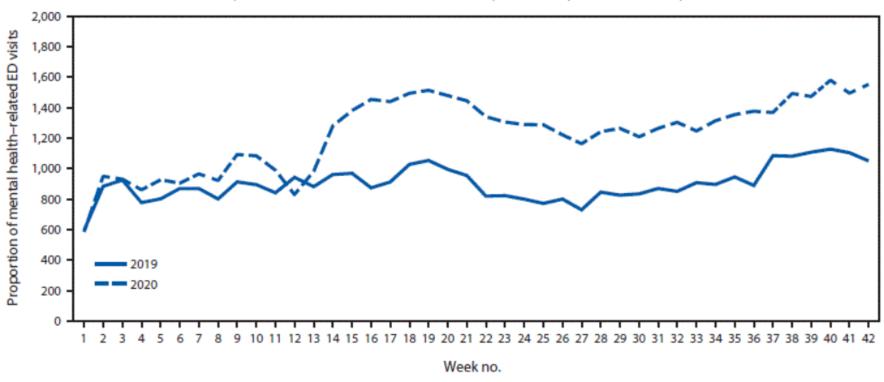
**Sources:** YRBS Texas Survey Data <a href="https://healthdata.dshs.texas.gov/dashboard/surveys-and-profiles/yrbs">https://healthdata.dshs.texas.gov/dashboard/surveys-and-profiles/yrbs</a>
YRBS National Survey Data <a href="https://yrbs-explorer.services.cdc.gov/#/">https://yrbs-explorer.services.cdc.gov/#/</a>

Source: U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory Report, Protecting Youth Mental Health, December 2022



#### **Youth Mental Health Concerns - Impact During COVID 19**





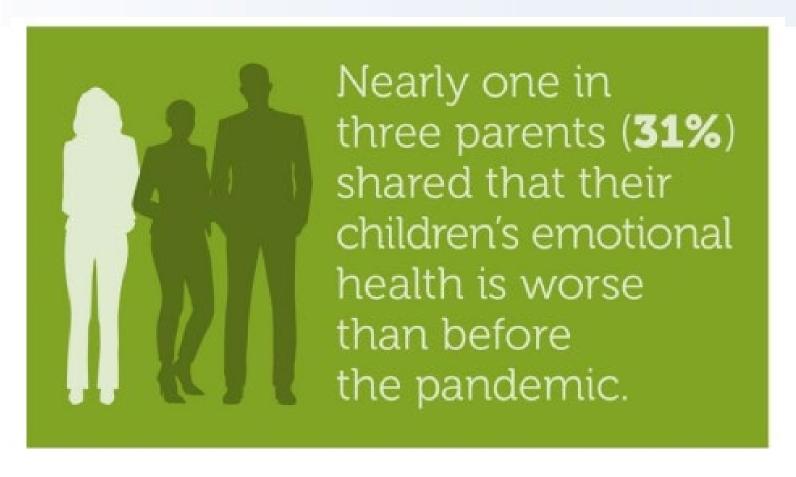
<sup>\*</sup> Proportion of mental health-related ED visits = number of ED visits for children's mental health/total number of pediatric ED visits x 100,000.

CDC data show an increase in pediatric mental health-related visits to hospital Emergency Departments (ED in 2020 compared to 2019, increasing 24% for children aged 5-11 years and 31% for children aged 12 – 17 years.

Key Source: Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report



#### Reflection on the Data



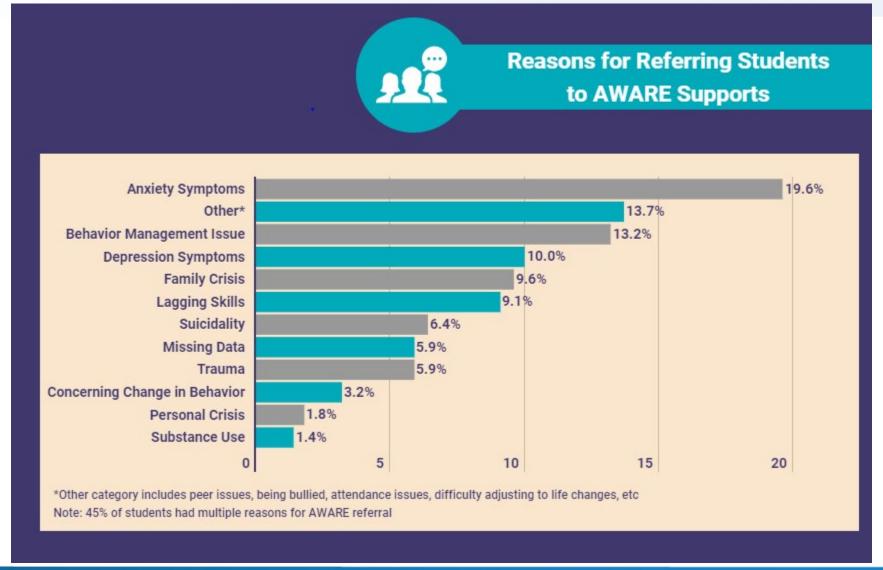
America's School Mental Health Report Card, February 2022. https://hopefulfutures.us/



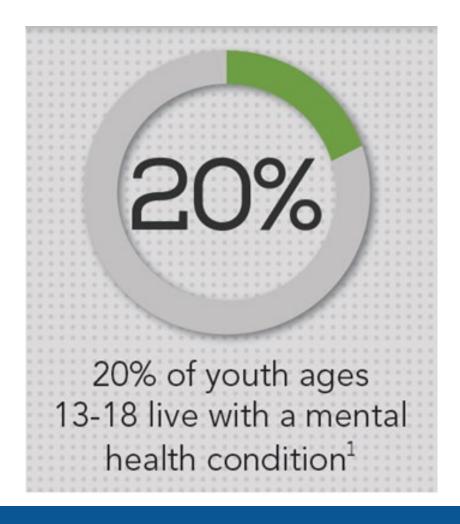


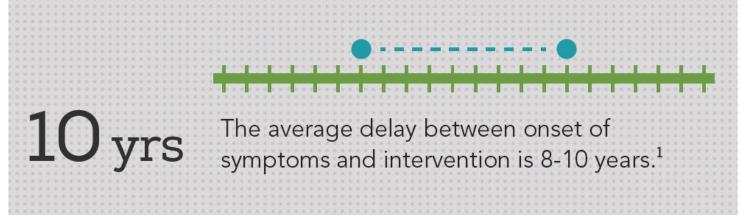
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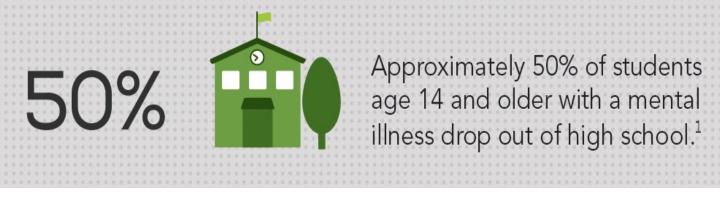




#### **Student Mental Health Needs**







Mental Health America





### **Warning Signs**

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Feeling very sad or withdrawn for more than 2 weeks (e.g., crying regularly, feeling fatigued, feeling unmotivated).



Trying to harm or kill oneself or making plans to do so.



Out-of-control, risk-taking behaviors that can cause harm to self or others.



Sudden overwhelming fear for no reason, sometimes with a racing heart, physical discomfort or fast breathing.



Not eating, throwing up or using laxatives to lose weight; significant weight loss or gain.



Severe mood swings that cause problems in relationships.



Repeated use of drugs or alcohol.



Drastic changes in behavior, personality or sleeping habits (e.g., waking up early and acting agitated).



Extreme difficulty in concentrating or staying still that can lead to failure in school.



Intense worries or fears that get in the way of daily activities like hanging out with friends or going to classes.



### What can parents do?

### 4 Things Parents Can Do



Talk with your pediatrician



Get a referral to a mental health specialist



Work with the school



Connect with other families

#### Follow Us!







<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This document cites statistics provided by the National Institute of Mental Health. www.nimh.nih.gov



What challenges do children & youth face today?

 How have things changed within the last few years in your field?

 What is YOUR biggest challenge in working with students today?

What is your go to resource for help or referrals?









# 88th Legislative Session – Supportive Schools

Legislation:	Caption:
HB 728	Relating to the reporting of mental health and intellectual disability information with respect to certain children for purposes of a federal firearm background check.
HB 3186	Relating to youth diversion strategies and procedures for children accused of certain fine-only offenses in municipal and justice courts and related criminal justice matters; authorizing fees.
SB 26	Relating to local mental health authority and local behavioral health authority audits and mental and behavioral health reporting, services, and programs.
HB 2059	Relating to mental health first aid training provided by local mental health authorities and local behavioral health authorities.
HB 1, Rider 85	Relating to Fentanyl Contamination Training
HB 473	Relating to parental rights regarding a threat assessment of a student conducted by a public school's threat assessment and safe and supportive school team.
HB 2100	Relating to eligibility requirements for student loan repayment assistance for certain mental health professionals.



# **88th Legislative Session**

Legislation:	Caption:
SB 763	relating to allowing public schools to employ or accept as volunteers chaplains.
SB 798	Relating to the certification requirements for a public-school counselor.
HB 3	Relating to measures for ensuring public school safety, including the development and implementation of purchases relating to and funding for public school safety and security requirements and the provision of safety-related resources.  - Mental Health Training



### House Bill 728: Firearm Background Check Reporting



Amends the **Health and Safety Code Chapter 574** regarding "federal prohibited person information" and **required reporting by a court** with respect to an individual <u>who</u> is at least 16 years of age when a court:

- ✓ Orders a person to receive inpatient mental health services
- ✓ Acquits a person in criminal case by reason of insanity or lack of mental responsibility
- ✓ Commits a person determined to have an intellectual disability for long team placement in a residential care facility
- ✓ Determines a person is unfit to stand trial
- ✓ Finds a person entitled to relief from disabilities

#### And other provisions



# House Bill 3186: Diversion Programs, Pages 1-5 and 15-17)

- Adds Subchapter F, **Youth Diversion**, to Chapter 45 of the Code of Criminal Procedure cited: **The Texas Youth Diversion and Early Intervention Act.**
- ✓ Adds comprehensive youth diversion strategies and procedures for children accused of certain fine-only misdemeanors, other than traffic
- ✓ Each justice and municipal court shall adopt a Youth Diversion Plan
- ✓ Government entities may develop collaborative municipal, county and/or regional Youth Diversion Plans including school collaboration
- ✓ Youth diversion plans may include an agreement with a service provider(s) including schools to provide services for a diversion strategy
- ✓ Youth must be offered a diversion agreement, with parent consent.
- ✓ Juvenile case managers may be employed or jointly contracted by a school district, court, probation etc. May jointly seek funding to execute



# Senate Bill 26: Local Mental and Behavioral Health Authority Programs and Services (Page 1)

Amends TEC §8.152. If a local mental health authority is unable to employ a professional who qualifies as a non-physician mental health professional (NPMHP) the authority may request a waiver from HHSC for approval to employ, for purposes of performing the functions and duties of a NPMHP (regarding the NPMHP hired and placed in each ESC pursuant to an LMHA and ESC agreement- HB 19 86R), a person who:



- is a **licensed master social worker**, as defined by Section 505.002, Occupations Code; or
- has been issued a licensed professional counselor associate license by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors



# House Bill 2059: Mental Health First Aid Training (page 4)

Continues to authorize Mental Health First Aid Training at **no cost** for school district employees and school resource officers provided by local mental health authorities (LMHA) and local behavioral health authorities (LBHA) or their contractor trainers:



Adds employees of entities and more people who may receive **free**MHFA training from the LMHA or LBHA or their contract trainers:

✓ Open enrollment charter schools; Institutions of higher education; Private schools; Employees or contractors of child-care facilities; Youth; Individuals with direct and recurring contact with students; Contractors of public and private schools; Other people specified include: First Responders, military members, veterans, family members of military members and veterans, judges, attorneys.



# House Bill 1, Rider 85: Fentanyl Contamination Training (TEA, Article III, pages 264, 265)



- (a) Included in amounts appropriated in Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety is \$2,611,722 in funds from the Opioid Abatement Account No. 5189 in fiscal year 2024:
- ✓ to provide training developed by The University of Texas

  Health Science Center at San Antonio
- ✓ utilizing Education Service Center (ESC) staff to train school district employees regarding the dangers of fentanyl contamination.



# House Bill 473: Parent engagement in a threat assessment



Before a team may conduct a threat assessment of a student, the team must notify the parent of or person standing in parental relation to the student regarding the assessment. In conducting the assessment, the team shall provide an opportunity for the parent or person to: (1)participate in the assessment, either in person or remotely; and (2)submit to the team information regarding the student.



After completing a threat assessment of a student, the team shall provide to the parent of or person standing in parental relation to the student the team 's findings and conclusions regarding the student.



# HB 2100: Mental Health Professionals Loan Repayment Program



A mental health professional working in Texas may apply for loan repayment assistance- a state strategy addressing the workforce shortage



Requires completing 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 consecutive years working in a designated mental health workforce shortage area



Must provide services to Medical Assistance Program recipients, low-income child health care program recipients, patients in a state hospital, individuals receiving community-based mental health care from a local mental health authority (LMHA)



# **SB 763: School Chaplains**



## Adds TEC chapter 23 titled School Chaplains

- ✓ A school district or open-enrollment charter school may employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain to provide support, services, and programs for students as assigned by the board of trustees of the district or the governing body of the school.
- ✓ A chaplain employed or volunteering is not required to be certified by the State Board for Educator Certification.
- ✓ Includes compliance with required criminal background checks.
- ✓ Allows use of the School Safety Allotment under TEC Section 48.115(b) to fund services and programs of the School Chaplain, including mental and behavioral health services and supports.



## **SB 798: School Counselors**



The qualifications for certification as a school counselor may not include a requirement that a candidate for certification have experience as a classroom teacher.



The State Board of Educator Certification is required to propose rules as necessary to implement by January 1, 2024.



Author's statement of intent: Currently many school districts have classroom teaching requirements to become a school counselor in many public schools. These hiring requirements have created an unnecessary barrier to entry for prospective school. counselors.



# House Bill 3: Mental Health Training (Sect. 5, Pg. 6)

- ✓ Requires a district employee who regularly interacts with students to complete an evidence-based mental health training program
- ✓ TEA will provide an allotment to each school district to assist the district with compliance
- ✓ The State Board for Educator Certification will propose rules to allow educators to receive credit toward their continuing education requirements
- ✓ The commissioner will adopt rules related to travel and training reimbursement



# House Bill 3: School Safety Allotment (Sect. 23, Pg. 30)

A school district is entitled to an annual allotment equal to the sum of the following amounts or a greater amount provided by appropriation:



- 1. \$10 for each student in average daily attendance, plus \$1 for each student in average daily attendance per every \$50 by which the district's maximum basic allotment exceeds \$6,160, prorated as necessary; and
- 2. \$15,000 per campus

Increases ongoing school safety funding by \$300 million per biennium (about \$150 million per year) through the school safety allotment and technical support/oversight programs.



# Other Mental Health Legislative Activities and Funding

- ✓ 1st Children's Mental Health Strategic Plan to be developed
- ✓ Funding appropriated to HHSC for various new or expanded mental health initiatives- i.e. Additional funding for: More purchased psychiatric beds including rural, crisis stabilization/respite for youth, youth mobile crisis outreach teams- 7 new teams, Rider 56- tele psych for rural hospitals, new Multisystemic treatment teams, HB 13 \$ for innovation grants there will be an RFP for several community MH grant programs for communities, new behavioral heath facility for Uvalde.
- ✓ Expansion of TCHATT- Available to each campus that wants it \$71,041,395 each year of biennium
- ✓ MH Workforce Programs- increased funds to THECB for high need related careers, ie. fellowships for psychiatrists, nurses, loan repayment etc.







# Texas School Mental Health Framework

1

MTSS for Mental Health

2

 Pathway to Quality School Mental Health Systems

3

Foundational Steps

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 Texas School Mental Health Components

#### Texas School Mental Health Framework Essential Elements for a Safe & Supportive School **Substance Use** Grief-Informed & Prevention Trauma-Informed & Intervention **Practices Positive Behavior Positive Youth** Interventions **Development TIER** & Support **INTENSIVE** Suicide Prevention, Building Relationships, Managing Emotions & Decision-Making Skills Intervention & **TIER Postvention** TARGETED **Early Mental TIER** Positive, Safe, & **Health Prevention & Supportive School** Intervention Climate UNIVERSAL Policies. Procedures & Practices **Professional Development & Training Staff Wellness & Mental Health Literacy** Leadership, Family & Community Engagement **Monitoring Progress &** Measuring Impact Funding & Sustainability Early Intervention & Access to Specialized Services **Mental Health Promotion & Prevention** Pathway to Quality School Early Identification & Screening **Needs Assessment & Resource Mapping** Teaming & Planning

# Multitiered System of Supports (MTSS) for Mental Health and Wellness

#### Tier 3

Intensive interventions
and Treatment
students with serious concerns

#### Tier 2

Targeted supports and early intervention for students identified through needs assessments as at risk for mental health concerns

#### Tier 1

Universally promote and build positive social, emotional, and behavioral skills, trauma informed practices, school climate and MH promotion activities to support the overall wellness of all students

Policies, Protocols, Professional development and support for a healthy school workforce

Family-School-Community partnerships

### PATHWAY TO QUALITY SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH

NEEDS ASSESSMENT & RESOURCE MAPPING

TEAMING & PLANNING

MENTAL
HEALTH
PROMOTION &
PREVENTION

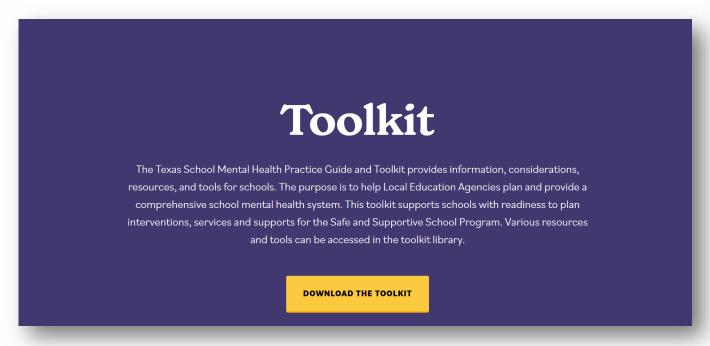
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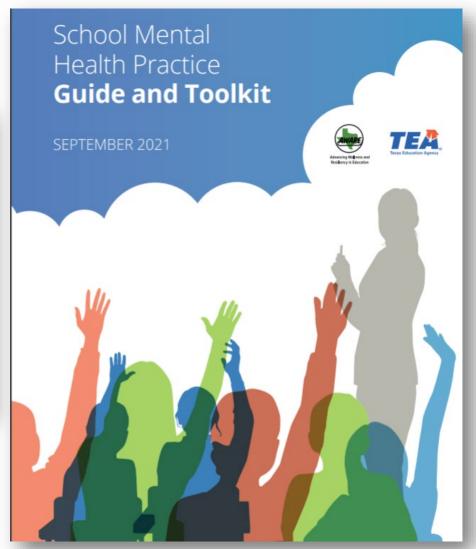
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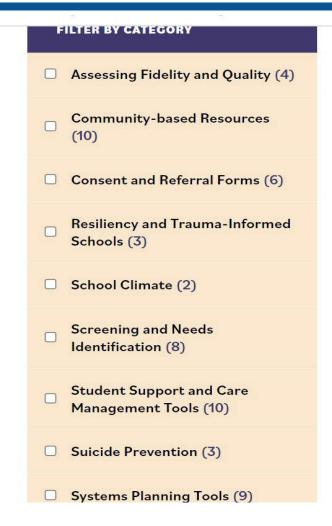
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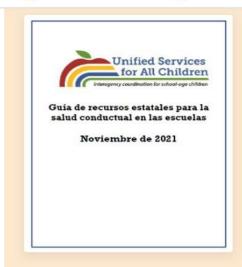


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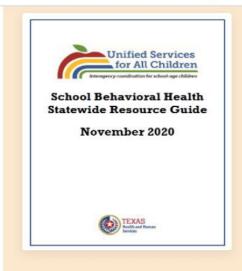
## **Texas School Mental Health Toolkit**







USAC School Behavioral Health Statewide Resource Guide Spanish



COMMUNITY-BASED RESOURCES

USAC School Behavioral Health Statewide Resource Guide



SYSTEMS PLANNING TOOLS

Texas School Mental Health Framework

This handout provides a



# Senate Bill 11, School Mental Health Resources Inventory Requirements, TEC 38.251-253





Develop a list of Regional and **statewide resources** available to school districts to address mental health of students, including:



Training + Technical Assistance



School-based programs (including CIS)



**Community- based programs** 



School-based mental health providers



Public + private funding sources



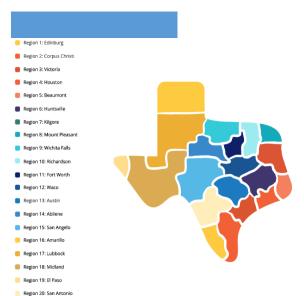


## www.SchoolMentalHealthTXdatabase.org











- TEA, ESCs, and state partners developed a new resource database for Texas LEAs. – pursuant to SB 11.
- NEW! Live and searchable tool launched May 2022.
- Database includes information for 1367 unique mental health resources identified to date by ESCs, TEA, and state partners as available to Texas schools.
- Strengthens access to the state's mental health-related resources for Texas schools, and families.



## **Texas School Mental Health Website**

TEA TEA Website Contact TEA Sign Up For Updates Texas School Mental Health RESOURCES CONTACT HIGHLIGHTS Mental health is critical to children's success in school and life. **READ MORE** 

https://schoolmentalhealthtx.org/



# TEA Mental & Behavioral Health Webinar Series

#### **Review the Sessions** from the 2023 Mental and Behavioral Health Webinar Series





# What topics would you like to see addressed in the future?

What other topics would you like to see for Webinars?



# **Activity – School MH Database**

#### Find the following:

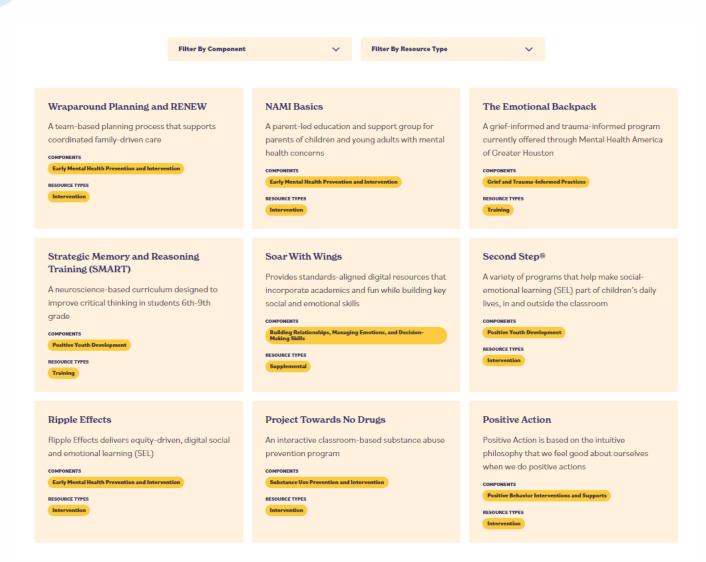
- ✓ The local mental health authority that serves your county
- ✓ The education service center that services your county or school district
- ✓ Is your organization listed on the database?



# schoolmentalhealthtxdatabase.org



## **New Resource: Best Practices List**



#### **Best Practices List**

- Provides information on programs, practices, and trainings across the eight school MH components (TEC 38.351)
- Provides links to TEA-supported best practice registries
- Filter by component or by resource type
- Collaboration between TEA, HHSC, ESCs, AWARE, and MHTTC
- Continuing to expand and grow!



# **Suicide Prevention Training Resource Online- FREE**

# Https://TexasSuicidePrevention.org





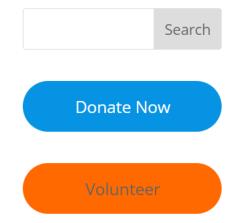
### AS+K? Basic Gatekeeper Training

Welcome to the new AS+K? Basic Course. This course updates the original ASK? course is approximately 1 hour in length. It is followed by a 10 question quiz. This course is suited for persons who require suicide prevention gatekeeper skills for their communities and employers. It has been designed to meet the requirements for Texas and Texas educators. This online training is intended to meet Texas K-12 public school suicide prevention training requirements and other suicide prevention training needs.

The original AS+K? curriculum is listed on the SPRC resources and programs page: http://www.sprc.org/resources-programs/ask-about-suicide-save-life

#### What is this course about?

AS+K? About Suicide To Save A Life (Basic) provides participants with an overview of the basic epidemiology of









# **Evidenced Base Curriculum**

# **PAX Good Behavior Game**





# LMHA and ESC Partnerships





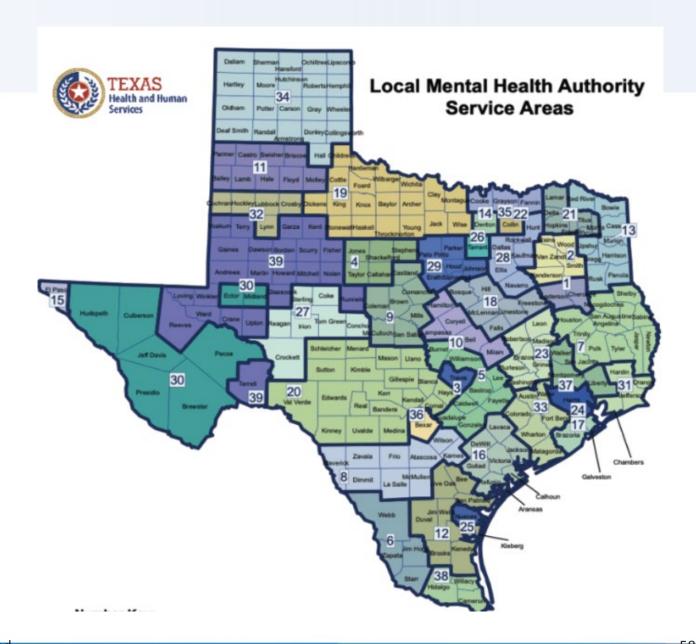
HB 19, 86R, Places a Mental Health Professional from the Local Mental Health Authority (LMHA) in each Education Service Center (ESC) as a mental health resource for schools.

- Interagency agreement required between ESCs and LMHAs
- Providing training in Mental Health First Aid and trauma informed practices
- Annual report submitted to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Legislature, and Commissioner by HHSC.



# Local Mental Health Authority Partnerships





#### **TEA's Grief and Trauma-Informed Practices Learning Series for Educators: 2020**

















**Access Project Restore to Get Started!** 





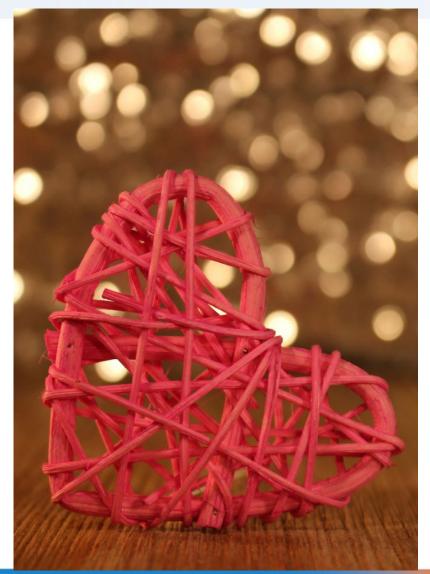
# **Educator Wellness & Trauma Informed Classrooms**

# Each Education Service Center has been trained as TIC master trainers

#### Objectives:

- Learn how trauma affects educator wellness & how can schools address it
- Discover Stress Management and Resiliency Strategies (SMART)
- Develop a Wellness Plan
- Building practices to support trauma-informed classrooms and campuses



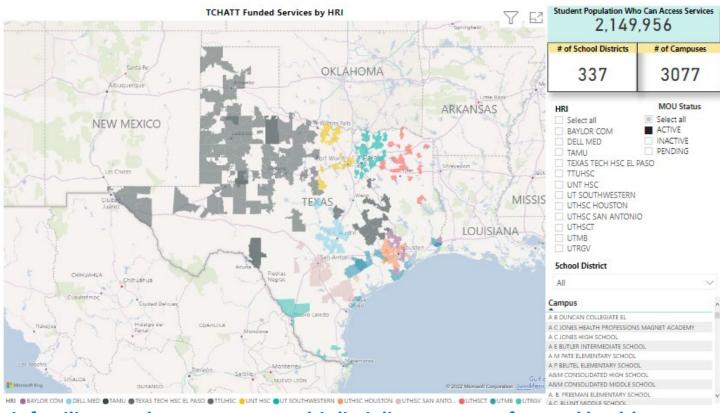


# Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine (TCHATT) - Partnerships

TCHATT is a telemedicine program funded by the state through SB 11, 86R that created the Child Mental Health Care Consortium.

TEA collaborates and promotes TCHATT access through our work with the **Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council**, **ESC School Mental Health Professional Learning Community**, and **Project AWARE Texas**.

To receive updates on the data visit: https://tcmhcc.utsystem.edu/tchatt/

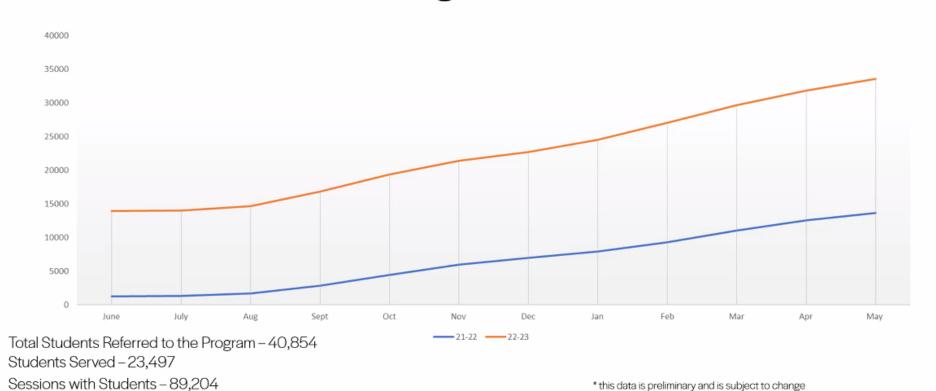


- To date, more than 2,149,956 Texas students and their families now have access to multi-disciplinary teams of mental health professionals in schools due to this telemedicine program in schools.
- There are MOUS between TCHATT providers and 337 school districts, covering 3077 campuses.



# **TCHATT Services Since Launch through May 2023**

# **TCHATT Services Since Program Start**



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Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium



# **Fentanyl Response Communications Toolkit**

Fentanyl Response Communications Toolkit | Texas Education Agency



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■ Back to Student & Staff Health Resources

The Fentanyl Response Communications Toolkit is designed to provide communications resources and support to school systems in their efforts to educate their school communities on the growing dangers of fentanyl.

# Safe and Supportive Schools

**Fentanyl Response Communications Toolkit** 

School Safety Resources













# Safe and Supportive Schools Division

https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/safe-and-supportive-schools

# **Safe and Supportive Schools**



#### Health, Safety, & Discipline

Safe and Supportive Schools

**Fentanyl Response Communications Toolkit** 

**School Safety Resources** 

**Student Discipline** 

Child Abuse Prevention Overview

**Coordinated School Health** 

**Human Trafficking** 

**Physical Fitness Assessment** 

**Pregnancy Related Services** 

**Restorative Discipline Practices** 

#### **SSSP Data Collection Instrument Samples**

- 2022-2023 School Year
- SSSP Data Collection Tool



# To Promote Student Mental Health and Wellness-

# **Partnerships and Collaboration is Key!**

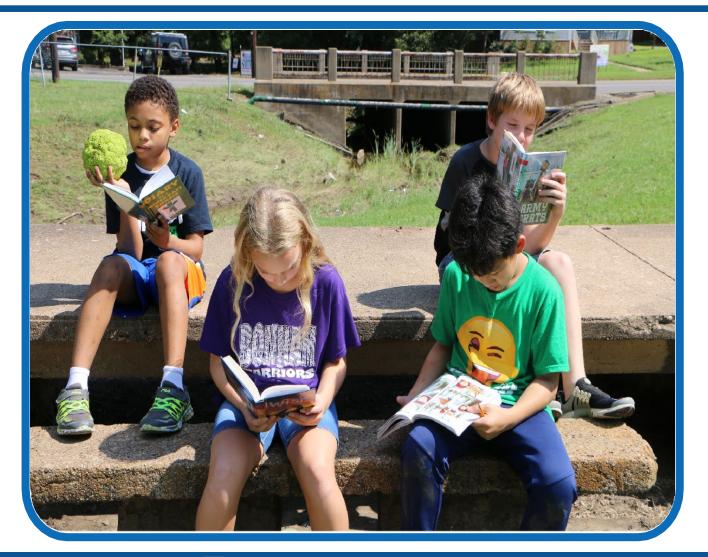


Inter-agency Collaboration

Intra-agency Collaboration

# Thank you for all that you do!

Discussion and Questions





# **Thank You!**

# Visit School Mental Health Texas

https://schoolmentalhealthtx.org/

More resources Coming Soon!



