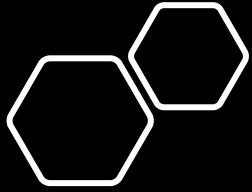


Miami-Dade County Public Schools

An Overview of the Department of Mental Health Services

November 2020





Department
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July 2018

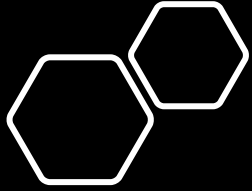


- Senate Bill 7026 and 7030
- Mental Health Assistance Allocation
Section 1011.62 (16)- Florida Statutes
- Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan
- Department works in full collaboration with all District Offices, Regions and School Sites

Why Mental Health Services

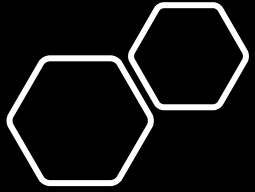
YOU CALL HER DEPRESSION A PHASE.





School Based Supports

- 73 Mental Health Coordinators provide direct support to students and families year-round
- Each coordinator supports K-12 schools; all schools have an assigned coordinator
- In addition to direct Tier 2 & 3 student interventions and services, coordinators conduct trainings for parents and teachers/staff; serve as District Trainers for Youth Mental Health First Aid; and support Tier 1 prevention programs for students throughout their schools



Additional School-Based Mental Health Support

- School Counselors
- School Social Workers
- School Psychologists
- TRUST Specialists
- E/BD Clinicians

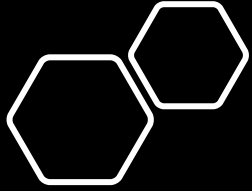


Community Partnerships (The Children's Trust/Health Connect)



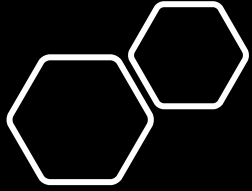
*The following agencies support 70 schools with an assigned Mental Health Professional:

- Community Health of South Florida
- Nicklaus Children's Hospital
- Citrus Health Network
- Borinquen Medical Center
- Jessie Trice Community Health Center
- University of Miami



Community Contracted Mental Health Providers

- Citrus Health Network, Inc.
- Ayuda, Inc.
- Chrysalis Health, Inc.
- DTT Coaching Services, LLC
- Empowering Youth, Inc.
- Board of Trustees (Florida Int'l. University)
- The Village South
- Healthy Connections CMHC, Inc.
- Jewish Community Services of South Florida
- Prosperity Social and Community Development Group Inc.
- Neurohealth Professional of Florida, Inc.
- Invo Healthcare Associates, LLC



Contracted Agencies - Services Provided



- Mental Health Screenings and Assessments
- Individual and Group Counseling
- Family Counseling
- Substance Abuse Intervention
- Parent/Teacher Consultation
- Case Management

Mental Health Team Meeting/Plan Following a Referral

PLAN

Mental Health Planning meeting will take place to review outcomes and develop the Mental Health Team Plan

COORDINATE

Coordinate mental health support services amongst school, family and agency and ensure progress monitoring/follow up procedures are in place.

COLLABORATE

Collaboration will allow all parties to be informed to assist with the appropriate treatment and follow up for students.

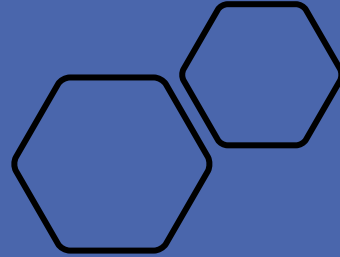
Mental Health Team Members:

- School site administrator
- Parent
- Teacher

Mental Health Providers:

- Counselor
- Social Worker
- Mental Health Coordinator
- Outside agency

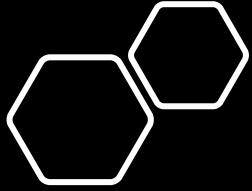
Mental Health Awareness Training (Staff)



- Youth Mental Health First Aid
- Kognito
 - Online Simulation (At-Risk for K-12 Educators)
 - Trauma-Informed Practices for K-12 Educators)
- **Additional Trainings**
 - Multi-Tiered Systems of Support; Progression of Mental Health Supports
 - Trauma-Informed Classrooms

Parent Training and Community Awareness Presentations

- Training parents and involving the community is crucial in supporting the mental health needs of students and families.
- The Department of Mental Health Services/Coordinators provide parent trainings on various topics, (ie, Mental Health Services, Coping Strategies, Anger Management) and works in tandem with M-DCPS Parent Academy.
- The Department of Mental Health Services also welcomes every opportunity to connect with the community. Presentations are ongoing and partnerships are also important to ensuring the enhancement and availability of resources.



Threat Assessment Teams

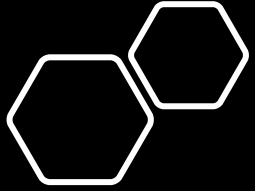
*Section 1001.212
(12)- Florida
Statutes*

- All K-12 schools established a Threat Assessment Team (administrator, educator, mental health professional and law enforcement officer) and completed training
- Inter-related goals of Threat Assessments;
 - (1) to prevent violence; and
 - (2) to resolve conflicts or problems that underlie threatening behavior
- Florida Department of Education selected instrument :
Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines: Intervention and Support to Prevent Violence by Dewey G. Cornell Ph.D

Suicide Prevention/ Intervention

Senate Bill 1418
and Section
1012.583 Florida
Statutes

- Approved screening/risk assessment instruments
- Address both suicidal ideation and behavior
- All school-based mental health professionals trained on these instruments and intervention process



Mental Health/SEL Programs, Strategies, Initiatives for Students

- Mental & Emotional Health Education (State Board of Ed. Requirement)
- Teen Mental Health First Aid
- Mindful Peer Exchange (FIU students working with high school students on awareness)
- Positive Coaching Alliance (partnership with Miami Marlins)
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) – “Ending the Silence”
- “Mental Wellness Matters” Campaign
- Mental Wellness Clubs

Additional Support/Resources

M-DCPS Mental Health Services

Parent Assistance Line

(305) 995-7100

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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