It's Gonna Be HUGE!
Investing in School Mental Health Systems Change
September 29, 2016
84th Legislative Session: Legislative Issues
Per Capita Spending on Mental Health

The national average is $122
And that’s not all . . .
Mission

To improve the

✓ Prevention
✓ Early identification and intervention
✓ Treatment

of behavioral health issues among students.
37 Recommendations
The Center for School Behavioral Health at Mental Health America of Greater Houston

Minding Houston’s Children
The Center for School Behavioral Health (the Center serves as a “living laboratory” for incubating innovative, cost-effective and replicable best practices to improve the behavioral health of students by facilitating collective action; providing highly specialized professional development opportunities, technical assistance and community education; and conducting research, advocacy, and policy analysis.

VISION

The Center transforms school behavioral health to support the healthy psychological and cognitive development of children in the Greater Houston area through services and programs promoting behavioral health, as well as the prevention, early identification, and treatment of behavioral health disorders.

MISSION

School Behavioral Health Collaborative
Learning Communities
Best Practice Incubator
Stigma Reduction Initiative
Annual Conference
Advocacy and Policy Analysis

The Houston Center for School Behavioral Health
School Behavioral Health Collaborative
Networking and Resource Sharing

18 School Districts
30 Child and Youth Serving Organizations
9 Advocacy/Education Organizations
5 City/County/State Representatives
4 Parent Advocates
Region IV Education Service Center
Harris County Department of Education
School Behavioral Health
School District
Learning Community

Meets every other month
School District Best Practices
Agency Spotlight
Advocacy & Public Policy
Deep Dives/Research
Ask the Expert/Case Studies

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Legislative Victories!

- Teacher training
- Best practices
Senate Bill 460

SB 460 (Sen. Deuell/Rep. Coleman) requires that:

- Individuals in educator preparation programs receive training in the detection of students with mental or emotional disorders in order to receive their teaching certificate.

- School districts to provide mental health training for current junior high & high school teachers, counselors, principals & other appropriate administrators; to the extent funds and programs are available, requires school districts to provide mental health training to elementary school teachers, counselors, principals & other appropriate administrators.

- Local school health advisory committees make recommendations regarding policies, procedures, strategies, & curriculum to prevent mental health concerns among students.

www.sb460training.org
Youth Mental Health First Aid USA
FOR ADULTS ASSISTING YOUNG PEOPLE
Stigma Reduction

YOUR CHILD'S Emotional Backpack
Best Practices Incubator

- Goose Creek CISD – Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports; Youth Mental Health First Aid
- Channelview ISD – Community Youth Services worker
- Spring Branch ISD – Transition Specialist; TOTAL Program
Lessons Learned Already!

- Hire amazing staff, but don’t wait too long!
- Assess progress regularly and ensure partner reporting through a Professional Learning Collaborative Agreement
- Assess partner needs and allow Learning Communities to determine goals and scope of work
- Design metrics to assess community impact of the Center’s work
- Involve funders as partners and engage them regularly in the work of the Center
- Legislative advocacy can be key to system change
- Collaborative meetings and best practice demonstration grants need to enhance and encourage partnerships between school districts and community organizations
Thank you!
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