
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2023

Fiscal Services Division

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Children’s Mental Health School-Based Training and Support

Purpose

The [Children’s System State Board](#) was established by Executive Order in April 2018 to develop and implement the State of Iowa’s Children’s Mental Health System. The Board prepared a [strategic plan](#) and identified schools as a support to the system.

The Area Education Agencies (AEAs) provide professional development including Youth Mental Health First Aid training, which is a nationally recognized curriculum. The curriculum teaches educators about risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems in students and promotes early intervention to support students who need assistance. Additional funding is passed through the AEAs to meet the needs of the schools within their jurisdictions, including working with school-based teams, creating therapeutic classrooms, and reviewing the benefits of operationally sharing social workers. The program also includes funding for a children’s grief and loss rural pilot program.

Funding

The Children’s Mental Health System initial appropriation was \$2.1 million in FY 2020. Those funds have subsequently increased to \$3.2 million in FY 2022 and \$3.4 million in FY 2023.

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More Information

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