
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2025

Fiscal Services Division

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Children’s Mental Health School-Based Training and Support

Purpose

The appropriation for Children’s Mental Health School-Based Training and Support is provided to the Area Education Agencies (AEAs) to support mental health services in schools. The AEAs provide professional development including [Youth Mental Health First Aid](#) training, which is a nationally recognized curriculum that 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 an allocation of \$200,000 for a Rural Children’s Grief and Loss pilot program.

Funding

The Children’s Mental Health School-Based Training and Support initial General Fund appropriation was \$2.1 million in FY 2020 and has increased to \$3.4 million annually from the General Fund.

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More Information

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