



MHSA Annual Plan Update FY18/19 Amendment – Prevention and Early Intervention: School-Based Behavioral Health Intervention Services

School-Based Behavioral Health Intervention Services	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20
Estimated number to be served in	18,700	42,000	42,000
Annual Budgeted Funds in	\$1,808,589	\$3,408,589	\$3,408,589
Estimated Annual Cost Per Person in	\$88	\$81	\$81

At the April 30, 2018 Steering Committee Meeting, a proposal was presented for the expansion of the **School-Based Behavioral Health Intervention Services** by an annual amount of \$1,600,000. This program was identified for expansion based on identified need using mapped **Early Development Index (EDI)** data and school districts currently being served by existing services¹. The EDI captures data on Kindergartners' physical health, language and cognitive development, communication skills, emotional maturity and social competence, and the data is analyzed at a group level indicating the percent of children ready for Kindergarten within a geographic region. This data was mapped for Orange County using 2016 census tract data showing areas with high unmet needs. The highest need areas indicate that only 38.9% or less of the children in a region were ready for Kindergarten.

The proposed service expansion would provide additional school-based prevention and intervention services to an estimated 20,000 additional children/youth in elementary through high school, thereby increasing the program's reach and combined annual budget for these services to \$3,408,589. In FY 17/18, this program served 34 schools across 8 school districts, and the EDI data indicates that many high needs areas within the 27 school districts are not receiving these services and other high need areas are only receiving minimal services. For example, only 2 schools were served in South Orange County altogether.

The **School-Based Behavioral Health Intervention Services** was brought to the MHSA steering committee as an opportunity to expand existing PEI programs with relatively quick implementation to address the present community need. The Steering Committee approved the proposal on April 30, 2018.

¹ EDI map will be available upon request.