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Education

C-2 Mental Health Intervention Team Pilot Program

2018 Legislation

In Sub. for SB 423 and House Sub. for SB 61, the 2018 Legislature created the Mental Health Intervention Team Pilot Program (Program) for FY 2019 “to improve social-emotional wellness and outcomes for students by increasing schools’ access to counselors, social workers and psychologists statewide” (2018 Sub. for SB 423, Sec. 1(a)). The legislation requires school districts and community mental health centers (CMHCs) to enter into partnerships through memorandums of understanding (MOUs) to implement the Program. Additionally, the legislation requires mental health intervention teams to consist of school liaisons employed by the participating school districts, and clinical therapists and case managers employed by the participating CMHCs. The legislation specifies the minimum number of schools from the following school districts that would participate in the Program:

- 23 schools in the Wichita school district (USD 259);
- 28 schools in the Topeka school district (USD 501);
- 10 schools in the Kansas City school district (USD 500);
- 5 schools in the Parsons school district (USD 503);
- 4 schools in the Garden City school district (USD 457); and
- 9 schools served by the Abilene school district (USD 435) as the fiscal agent.

The Legislature appropriated \$10.0 million, all from the State General Fund, to the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) to fund the Program for FY 2019. The appropriations include \$4.2 million to cover treatment costs for participating students. This includes \$2.6 million for Medicaid costs and \$1.5 million for CMHCs. In addition, the appropriations include \$3.3 million to cover the costs associated with the school liaisons hired by participating school districts. Finally, \$2.5 million is included to create an online database to be used for the Program.

Program Overview

Scope of Program

As implemented by KSDE, the Program will focus on providing care to two groups of students. The “alpha group” consists of youth who are Children in Need of Care (CINC) and are in state custody. These students have experienced multiple placements and move school districts multiple times throughout the school year. The “beta group” consists of youth who may move from time to time, but are also likely to reside in one school district throughout their education.

Duties of Intervention Team Members

The duties of school liaisons employed by participating school districts include, but are not limited to:

- Identifying appropriate referrals;
- Acting as a liaison between the school district and the CMHC;
- Helping the CMHC prioritize interventions for identified students;
- Facilitating connections between identified students’ families and the CMHC staff;
- Communicating with child welfare contacts to get educational history of a student who has moved schools; and
- Gathering outcomes to monitor the effectiveness of the program.

The duties of clinical therapists employed by participating CMHCs include, but are not limited to:

- Helping the school liaison identify and prioritize students for treatment interventions;
- Conducting a clinical assessment of the identified student and making appropriate treatment recommendations;
- Providing individual and family therapy;
- Communicating with school personnel to help them understand a student’s

diagnosis, family circumstance, and suggested interventions; and

- Gathering outcome data to monitor the effectiveness of the Program.

The duties of case managers employed by participating CMHCs include, but are not limited to:

- Working with the school liaison and clinical therapist to identify and prioritize students for treatment interventions;
- Providing outreach to students, families, and child welfare contacts to help engage in treatment;
- Helping maintain communication between all entities involved, including family, student, school, clinician, child welfare, and community;
- Making referrals to appropriate community resources; and
- Helping to reconnect students and families when they are not following through with the treatment process.

Memorandums of Understanding

Participating school districts are required to enter into three MOUs for the Program. The first MOU is with KSDE, which outlines the basic requirements of the Program and specifies how funding received for the Program is to be spent. The second MOU is between the school district and its partner CMHC. This MOU outlines how the school district and CMHC will cooperate in the implementation of the Program. KSDE produced and distributed a standard memorandum for this agreement, but did not require school districts to use it. The final MOU is between the participating school districts and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), which covers payments made by the school district to KDHE for Medicaid-related costs.

Breakdown of Funding

All funding for the Program flows through the participating school districts. Following is a description of the three different grant payments.

School Liaison Grant. This grant is distributed to school districts on a monthly basis. School districts submit requests each month to cover anticipated expenditures. Allowable expenditures for this grant include salary, fringe benefits, travel expenses, and a computer that must be used exclusively by the school liaison. The anticipated distribution of funds for school liaisons can be seen in Table 1.

Abilene (USD 435)	\$ 150,000
Garden City (USD 457)	112,500
Kansas City (USD 500)	839,410
Parsons (USD 503)	75,000
Topeka (USD 501)	560,000
Wichita (USD 259)	1,526,200
TOTAL	\$3,263,110

CMHC. This grant will be distributed quarterly to school districts. School districts must forward all payments to the participating CMHC to cover the cost for treatment and services for students who are uninsured or underinsured. The distribution of funding for the CMHC grants can be seen in Table 2.

Abilene (USD 435)	\$ 125,750
Garden City (USD 457)	55,500
Kansas City (USD 500)	74,800
Parsons (USD 503)	48,000
Topeka (USD 501)	208,000
Wichita (USD 259)	1,029,000
TOTAL	\$1,541,050

KDHE Grant. This grant will be distributed quarterly to school districts. School districts must forward all payments to KDHE to cover Medicaid costs related to the Program. The distribution of funding for the KDHE grants can be seen in Table 3.

Abilene (USD 435)	\$ 216,290
Garden City (USD 457)	95,460
Kansas City (USD 500)	128,656
Parsons (USD 503)	82,560
Topeka (USD 501)	357,760
Wichita (USD 259)	1,769,000
TOTAL	\$2,649,726

Reporting Requirements

KSDE requires participating school districts to submit, in conjunction with their partner CMHC, three reports during the fiscal year. A report covering the period July 1, 2018, through October 31, 2018, is due November 15, 2018. The second report covering November 1, 2018, through February 28, 2019, is due March 15, 2019. Finally, the year-end report is due July 1, 2019.

These reports track the number of students served and various academic performance measures, including attendance, behavior, and graduation. Additionally, the year-end report will include a financial report on program expenditures for the fiscal year.

Participating Schools

There are 22 schools participating in the Wichita school district (USD 259), 28 schools participating in the Topeka school district (USD 501), 10 schools participating in the Kansas City school district (USD 500), 5 schools participating in the Parsons school district (USD 503), and 5 schools participating in the Garden City school district (USD 457). The Abilene school district (USD 435), in addition to having 3 participating schools, is serving as the fiscal agent for the following school districts, which have a total of 6 schools participating in the Program:

- Solomon (USD 393);
- Chapman (USD 473); and
- Herington (USD 487).

(Note: The original list of Wichita schools submitted to the legislative committee named 23 schools; however, it was determined a school was listed twice. Therefore, Wichita has 22 schools participating in the Program.)

Table 4 includes a list of all schools participating in the Program during FY 2019.

Table 4 – Participating Schools		
Wichita (USD 259)		
Allen Elementary School	Hamilton Middle School	Sowers Alternative High School
Bryant Opportunity Academy (ES)	Jardine STEM and Career Explorations Magnet Middle Academy	Wichita Heights High School
Cessna Elementary School	Marshall Middle School	Wichita North High School
Dodge Literacy Magnet Elementary School	Mead Middle School	Wichita South High School
Gardiner Elementary School	Stucky Middle School	Wichita Southeast High School
Greiffenstein Alternative Elementary School	Truesdell Middle School	Wichita West High School
Isely Traditional Magnet Elementary School	Wells Alternative Middle School	Gateway Alternative Program (MS/HS)
OK Elementary School		
Topeka (USD 501)		
Highland Park Central Elementary School	Ross Elementary School	Marjorie French Middle School
Jaguar Academy (ES)	Scott Dual Language Magnet School (ES)	Robinson Middle School
Jardine Elementary School	State Street Elementary School	Avondale Academy (MS/HS)
Lowman Hill Elementary School	Stout Elementary School	Capital City High School
McCarter Elementary School	Whitson Elementary School	Highland Park High School
McClure Elementary School	Williams Science and Fine Arts Magnet School (ES)	Hope Street Charter Academy (HS)
McEachron Elementary School	Chase Middle School	Topeka High School
Meadows Elementary School	Eisenhower Middle School	Topeka West High School
Quincy Elementary School	Jardine Middle School	
Randolph Elementary School	Landon Middle School	
Kansas City (USD 500)		
Bertram Caruthers Elementary School	Parker Elementary School	Argentine Middle School
Eugene Ware Elementary School	Quindaro Elementary School	D.D. Eisenhower Middle School
Hazel Grove Elementary School	Welborn Elementary School	F.L. Schlagle High School
New Chelsea Elementary School		
Parsons (USD 503)		
Garfield Elementary School	Lincoln Elementary School	Parsons High School
Guthridge Elementary School	Parsons Middle School	

Garden City (USD 457)		
Alta Brown Elementary School	Georgia Matthews Elementary School	Garden City Alternative Education Center
Florence Wilson Elementary School	Horace Good Middle School	
Abilene (USD 435)		
Eisenhower Elementary School	Abilene Middle School	Abilene High School
Chapman (USD 473)		
Chapman Elementary School	Chapman Middle School	
Herington (USD 487)		
Herington Elementary School	Herington Middle School	Herington High School
Solomon (USD 393)		
Solomon Jr./Sr. High School		

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