



**Program #40082 - School Based Mental Health Services** FY 2025 Department Requested

**Department:** Health Department **Program Contact:** Yolanda Gonzalez  
**Program Offer Type:** Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:** In Target

**Executive Summary**

School Based Mental Health (SBMH) and K12 case management are essential components of the system of care for children and families. Our 29 SBMH clinicians serve over 800 children and teens with mental health needs in 34 schools across six school districts: Centennial, David Douglas, Gresham Barlow, Reynolds, Parkrose, and Portland Public Schools. Mental health professionals provide evidence-based treatment, utilizing an anti-racist equity lens, in school and Student Health Center settings and via telehealth. K-12 Case Managers help students and their families meet unmet needs by connecting them to mental health services, housing, clothing, and food access. These additional case management services will also seek to reduce racial and health inequities and support increased attendance and educational success.

**Program Description**

Since 1969, Multnomah County has been a leader in the nation in providing access to mental health services in schools, which is considered a best practice. Mental health assessment and treatment services provided in schools decrease barriers such as stigma, cost, and transportation. This program reaches youth who are traditionally underserved and have barriers to accessing mental health services. Providing culturally specific mental health outreach and treatment continues to be a priority. Roughly half of the youth served are youth of color served by a diverse staff that represent the communities they serve. Cultural alignment with students increases therapeutic alliance which can assist with addressing mental health concerns, building trust, and improving school attendance.

This culturally specific approach contributes to youth completing school, which is a strong indicator for lifelong economic wellbeing and improved overall health. School Based Mental Health Consultants provide screening, crisis intervention, mental health assessment, clinical case management and individual, group, and family treatment. Mental Health Consultants also provide training and consultation to school staff to optimize educational planning for youth with mental health concerns. Mental Health Consultants are co-located in ten Student Health Centers to provide integrated physical and mental health services.

Multnomah County and School Districts collaborate to address the continuum of needs for students and their families. School Based Mental Health Consultants provide over 5,566 hours of treatment, prevention, education, consultation, and outreach to students, school staff, and families every school year. Additionally, K-12 Case Managers provide comprehensive case management services to students and families in kindergarten through twelfth grade with a focus on connecting families to resources to increase attendance and improve educational success. This program will help mitigate risk of students having to access higher levels of mental health care, academic failure, abuse, neglect, homelessness, and placement outside the home.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	Total unduplicated youth referred to SBMH for assessment and/or treatment services	828	700	799	750
Outcome	ACORN Distribution of Patient Change Rate reported by client/student as their perception of improvement <sup>1</sup>	N/A	65%	N/A	65%
Output	Total unduplicated K-12 youth/families who received case management services	128	250	140	200

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

<sup>1</sup>The ACORN was not used this year as the program is in the process of implementing a new outcomes tool; the outcome measure is an estimate because the contract is in process and the tool hasn't been developed yet.

## Legal / Contractual Obligation

Revenue contracts with school districts. Oregon Health Authority, Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Community Addictions and Mental Health Services.

## Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
<b>Program Expenses</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>
Personnel	\$2,696,620	\$2,432,451	\$3,135,450	\$2,462,048
Contractual Services	\$0	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000
Materials & Supplies	\$58,622	\$8,328	\$81,677	\$22,973
Internal Services	\$235,945	\$499,554	\$250,051	\$577,059
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$2,991,187</b>	<b>\$2,948,333</b>	<b>\$3,467,178</b>	<b>\$3,070,080</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$5,939,520</b>		<b>\$6,537,258</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	18.28	15.46	20.26	13.48

<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,448,333	\$0	\$2,520,080
Service Charges	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$550,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,948,333</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,070,080</b>

## Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$206,641 in indirect revenues.

\$1,000,000 - CareOregon - School Based Mental Health

\$785,255 - MHS-20: School-Based Mental Health - Block Grant - CY22

\$550,000 - SBMH Insurance

\$310,518 - MHS-20: School-Based Mental Health - CY22

\$177,000 - SBMH - Portland Public School District

\$112,307 - School Based Clinics - Mental Health Expansion - Behavioral Health - Capacity

\$75,000 - SBMH - Centennial School District

\$37,500 - SBMH - Reynolds School District

\$22,500 - SBMH - Parkrose School District

## Significant Program Changes

**Last Year this program was:** FY 2024: 40082A School Based Mental Health Services

The ACORN was not used this year as the program is in the process of implementing a new outcomes tool, the ORS/SRS; the outcome measure is an estimate because the contract is in process and the tool hasn't been developed yet.. The K12 Case Management program did not reach the intended output of 250 because hiring and onboarding of new staff took longer than expected.