

**Department:** Health Department **Program Contact:** Yolanda Gonzalez  
**Program Offer Type:** Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Proposed  
**Related Programs:**  
**Program Characteristics:**

**Executive Summary**

School Based Mental Health and K-3 case management are essential components of the system of care for children and families. Our 26 providers serve over 1,200 children and teens with mental health needs in 38 schools across 6 school districts: Centennial, David Douglas, Gresham Barlow, Reynolds, Parkrose, and Portland Public School Districts. Mental health professionals provide evidence-based treatment, utilizing an anti-racist equity lens, in school and Student Health Center settings and via telehealth. Additionally, children, parents, and school staff receive consultation from Mental Health Consultants to assist with mental health needs during education planning to retain students in school and reduce the risk of needing higher levels of care.

**Program Summary**

This program offer is to fund two clinicians for the School-Based Mental Health Program. Volume of clients has reduced due to COVID but there is increased need/accuity per client which necessitates this FTE.

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. Over 40% of the youth served are youth of color and 50% of our staff are clinicians of color. 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 school completion 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 challenges. 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 thousands of hours of treatment, prevention, education, consultation, and outreach to students, school staff, and families every school year. Additionally, K-3 Case Managers provide comprehensive case management services to over 180 students and families in grades kindergarten through third grade with a focus on connecting families to resources to increase attendance and improve educational success.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Estimate	FY22 Offer
Output	Total unduplicated youth referred to SBMH for assessment and/or treatment services	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,300
Outcome	ACORN Distribution of Patient Change Rate reported by client/student as their perception of improvement	N/A	N/A	N/A	60%

**Performance Measures Descriptions**

**Legal / Contractual Obligation****Revenue/Expense Detail**

	<b>Adopted General Fund</b>	<b>Adopted Other Funds</b>	<b>Proposed General Fund</b>	<b>Proposed Other Funds</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$365,957	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$204,636	\$0
<b>Total GF/non-GF</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$570,593</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Program Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$570,593</b>	
<b>Program FTE</b>	0.00	0.00	2.35	0.00

<b>Program Revenues</b>				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Explanation of Revenues****Significant Program Changes**

**Last Year this program was:**

COVID has increased need/accuity per client which necessitates this FTE.