



# Dollars & Cents: Public Funding to Sustain School-Based Mental Health Services

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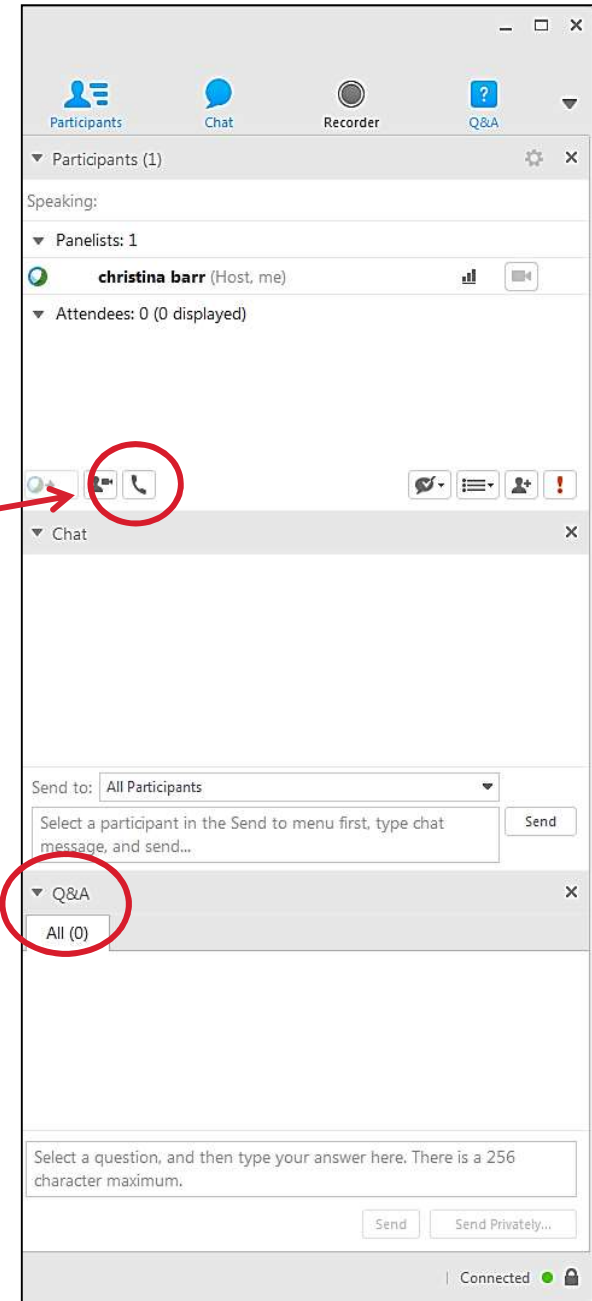


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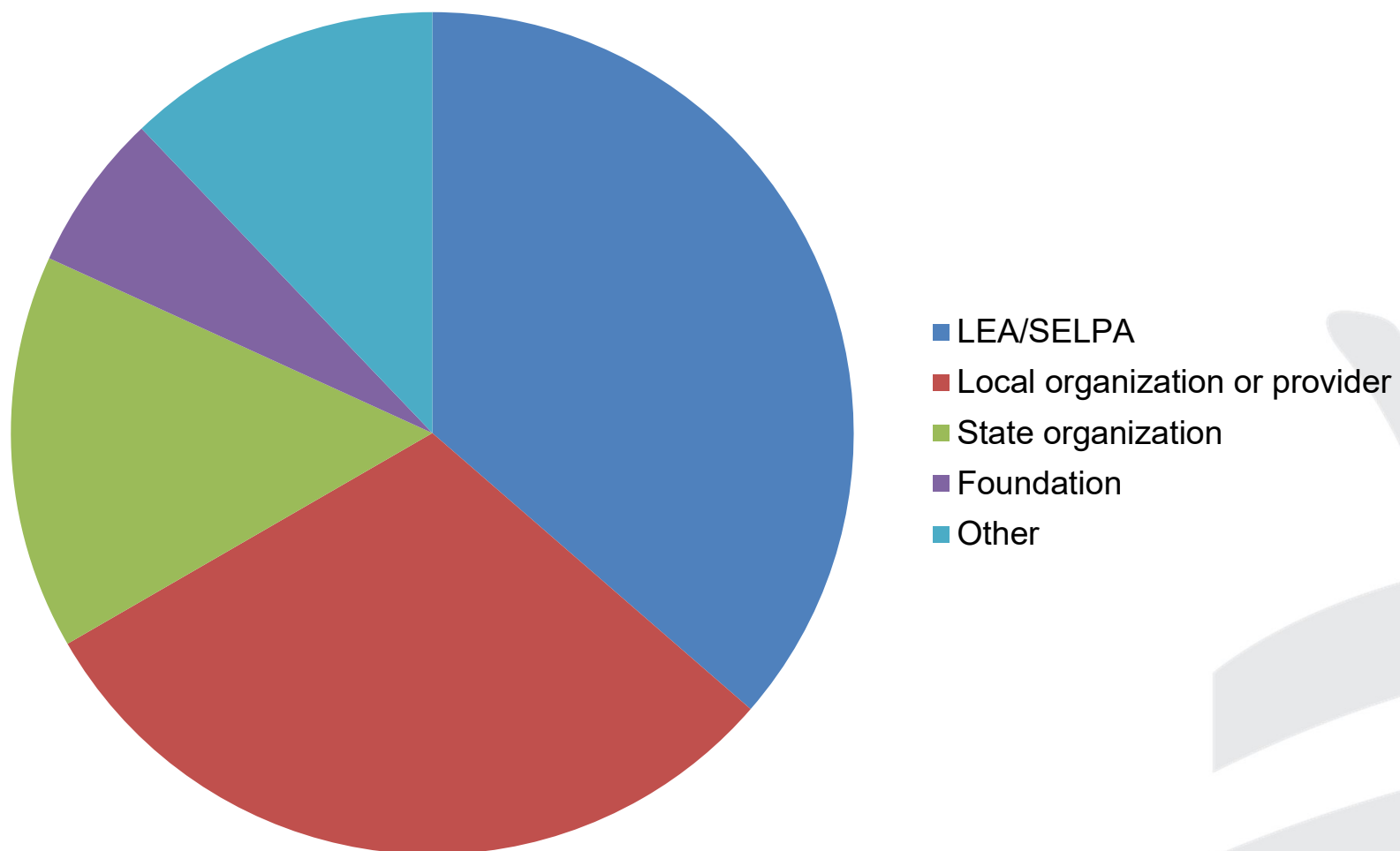
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## Objectives

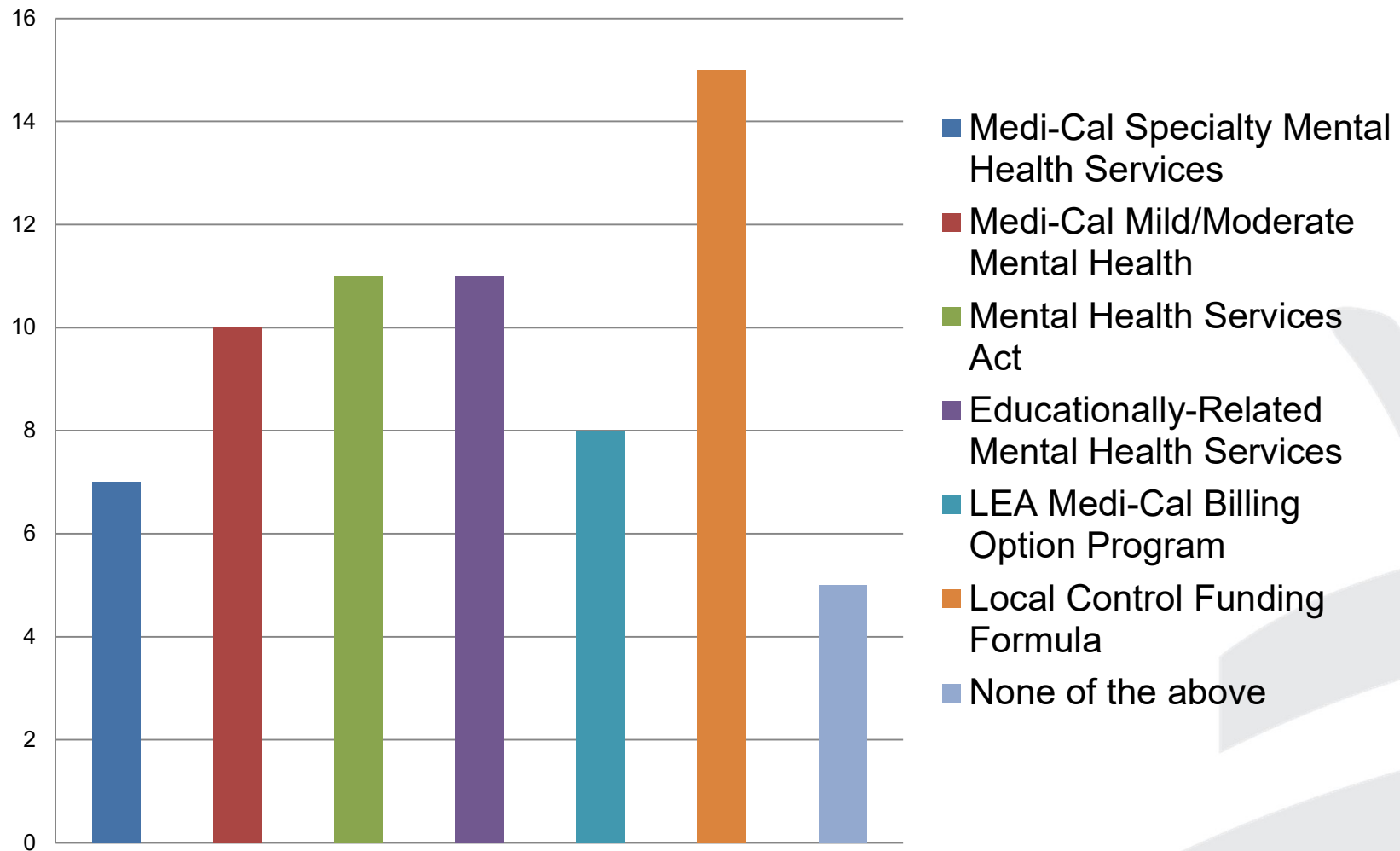
1. Identify federal, state, and local funding streams that can support the full continuum of mental health services in schools.
  2. Understand major funding sources such as Medical & Mental Health Services Act (MHSA).
  3. Identify strategies for utilizing available funding streams and creating new partnerships.
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## Who's here?



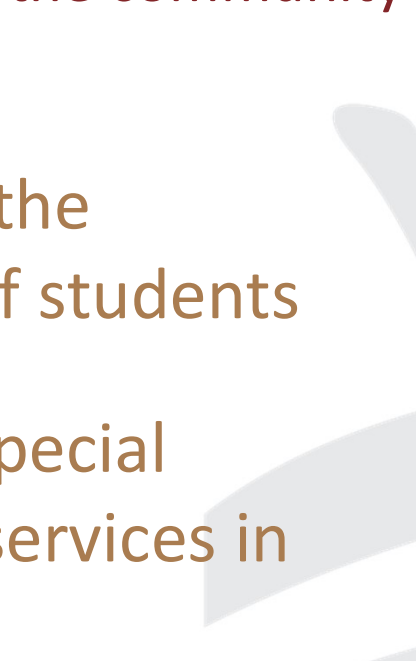
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## What funding sources are you familiar with?



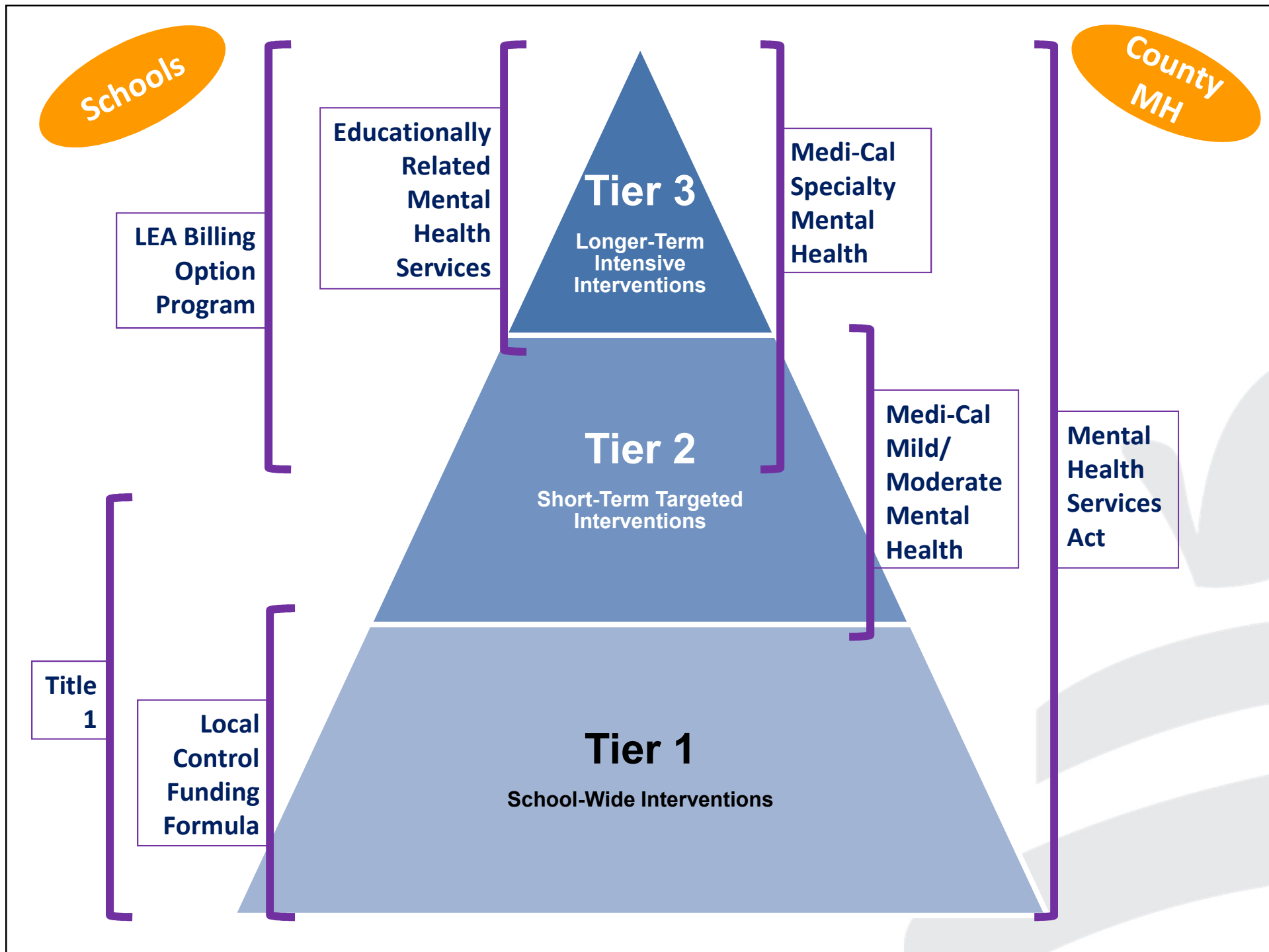
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## Overarching principles

- Schools shouldn't be creating mental health services on their own
    - There are considerable resources in the community & county to help
  - School mental health services meet the educational and health care needs of students
  - A student should not have to be in special education to receive mental health services in school settings
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## Overarching principles

- Funding can be used for various school-based services; but there are strategic ways to use funding to support a comprehensive system
- The goal is to sustain services in all three tiers for a comprehensive school-based mental health



# Medi-Cal

## County Specialty Mental Health Services

County Mental Health Plans  
(typically run by county departments of mental/behavioral health)

Medi-Cal youth w/ covered diagnosis and/or “services are necessary to correct or ameliorate a mental illness”

Must contract with the county – school staff, community-based organizations, SBHCs

Intensive, long-term clinical interventions

## Mild/Moderate Mental Health Services

Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans

All Medi-Cal youth enrolled in a managed care plan

Must contract with the managed care plan – community-based mental health providers, SBHCs

Shorter term brief interventions

## Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)

- Revenues from 1% income tax on millionaires; distributed directly to the counties
- MHSA-funded programs are intended to enhance, rather than replace, existing programs.
- 5 funding categories
  - Community Support Services
  - Prevention and Early Intervention
- County mental health programs must submit three-year plans and annual updates, with a listing of programs funded



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Substance Use CARES Line Call:

▪ (800) 499-3008

▪ [24/7 Mental Health Urgent Care](#)

▪ **Riverside:** (951) 509-2499 **Palm Springs:** (442) 268-7000 **Perris:** (951) 349-4195

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## MHSA

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## Mental Health Services Act



### What's New

- » [MHSA Statewide Early Psychosis Learning Health Care Network Innovation Project](#) **NEW!**
- » [MHSA Housing - Community Services and Supports Housing Program](#) **NEW!**
- » [MHSA FY 2018-19 Plan Update](#)
- » [MHSA Revenue and Expenditure Report for FY 2016-17](#)
- » [MHSA Housing - Special Needs Housing Program Amendment and Mental Health Technology Solutions Project](#)
- » [MHSA Community Input Form - MHSA Steering Committee/Public Forum Flyer](#) - Comments will be accepted through October 15, 2017
- » [Webinar of California's Interagency Council on Veterans Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention Sub-Workgroup](#)
- » [MHSA Orientation - July 13, 2015](#)
- » [855-OC-LINKS Behavioral Health Services Information and Referral Line \(855\) 625-4657 TDD:\(714\) 834-2332](#)
- » [Know the Signs - www.suicideispreventable.org](#)

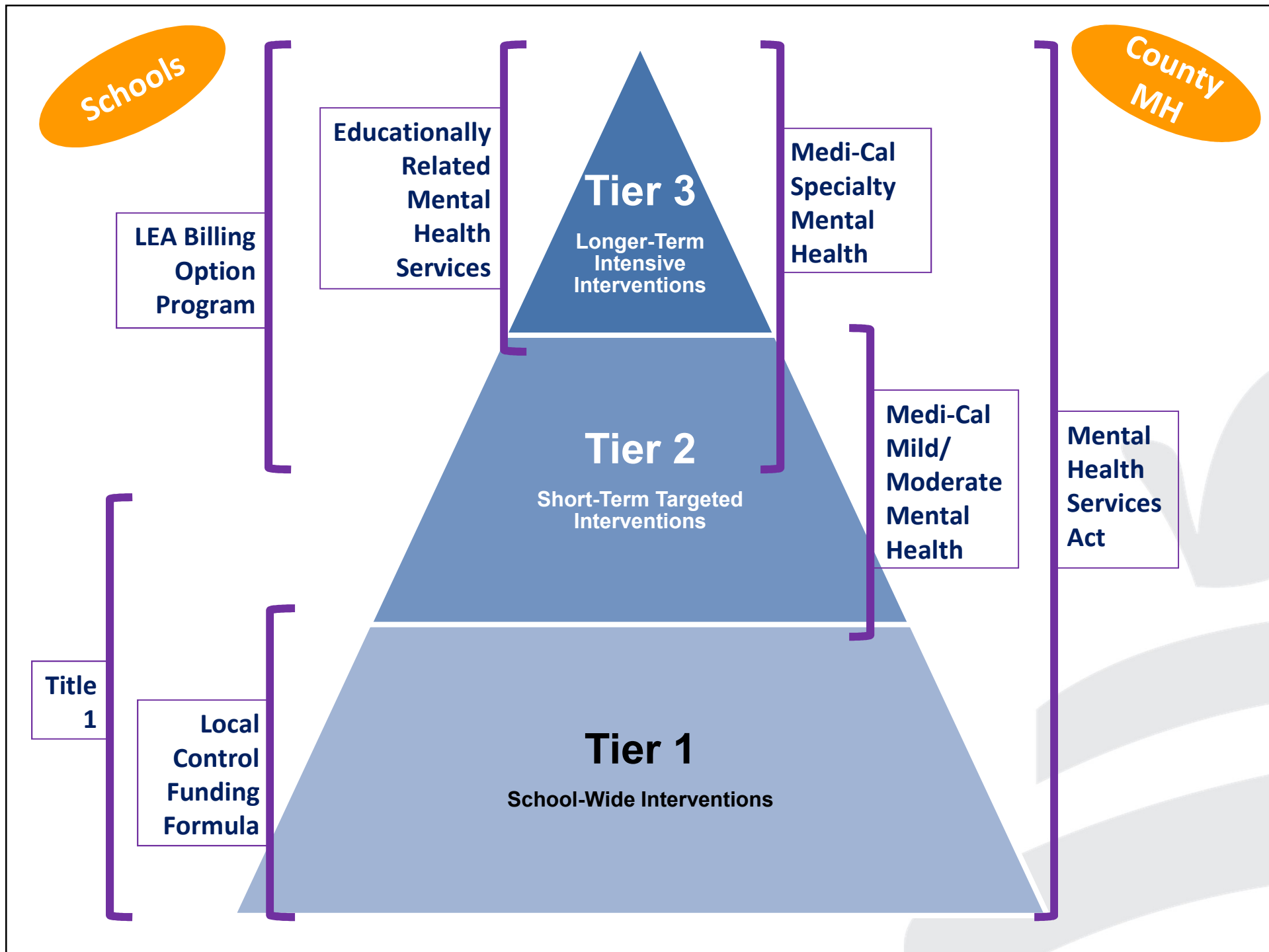
## MHSA Components



[Community Services & Supports](#)



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# School Funding

## ERMHS

Educationally related mental health services

State and federal restricted funds to SELPAs

Special education students

Mental health services identified in a student's IEP

## LEA Billing Option

Local Education Agency Billing Option Program

Reimbursement program for schools

Medi-Cal eligible students

Covered services include psychology, counseling, and psychosocial assessments

## School Funding cont.

### LCFF

#### Local Control Funding Formula

Per student funding for public schools; districts must submit funding plans that demonstrate how funds will be used to support students

All K-12 students; targeted funding for low income, foster youth, or English-Language Learners.

LCFF funds almost every service provided by public schools; funds can be used to support school mental health infrastructure and services

### ESSA

#### Every Student Succeeds Act

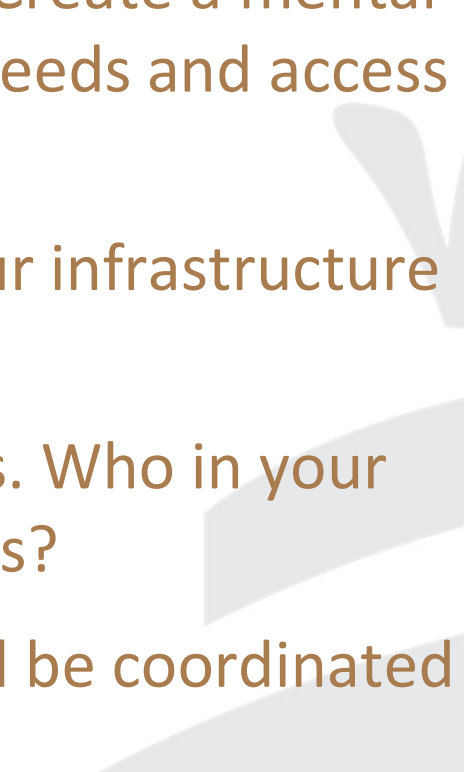
Title I – similar to NCLB

Title IV – consolidated 49 separate grant programs into flexible block grant

Schoolwide programs where 40% of students are low-income

Very flexible – counseling, school climate, bullying/violence prevention, training for staff

## Strategies & next steps

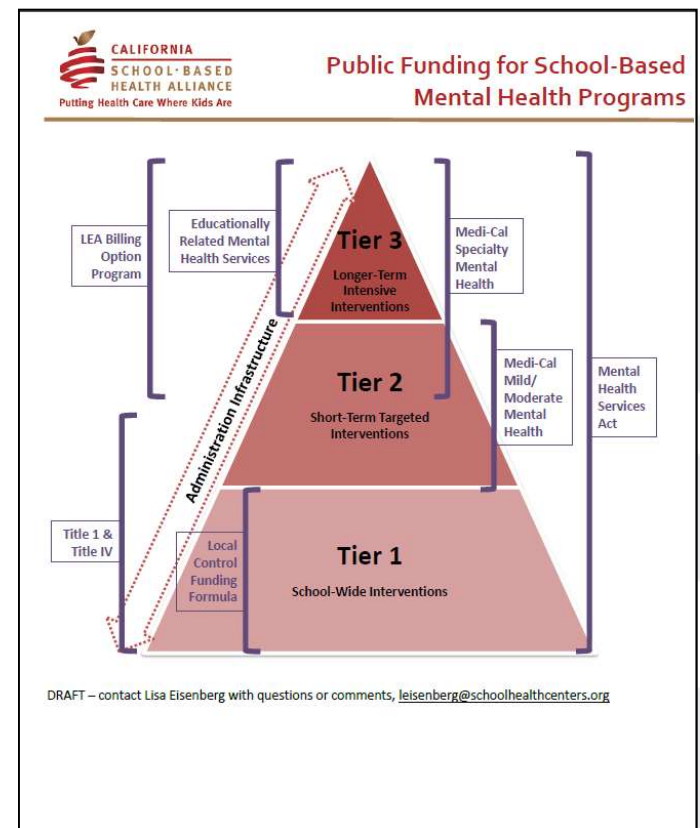
1. Know your population of free and reduced lunch (similar to Medi-Cal).
  2. Assess your current services and gaps. Create a mental health profile that communicates the needs and access issues facing students
  3. School districts: commit to building your infrastructure as you reach out to potential partners.
  4. Identify potential partner organizations. Who in your community is also serving your students?
  5. Think through how outside services will be coordinated with district services.
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# Contact Information & Resources

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More information on our website:  
<http://www.schoolhealthcenters.org/healthlearning/mentalhealth/>

New Toolkit – *Public Funding for School-Based Mental Health Programs*  
<http://bit.ly/sbmhfunding>



## Discussion & Questions

