SUPPORTING SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Public Funding & Other Key Issues



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The California School-Based Health Alliance is the statewide non-profit organization dedicated to **improving the health & academic success** of children & youth by **advancing health services in schools**.

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES & AGENDA

Understand trauma-informed school mental health program model.

 Identify two best practices for program development and clinical care.

 Identify public funding streams that can be leveraged to sustain trauma-informed school mental health practices.

SCHOOL-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



School Based Behavioral Health

- Health Equity and School Based Behavioral Health
 - Trauma Informed Treatment and Interventions
 - Comprehensive School Based Behavioral Health
 - Youth as a Resource in School Based Mental Health

Place Matters

School Health Centers = Equity and Access to care <u>The Pulse of Oakland</u> <u>http://thepulseofoakland.com/</u>

 For a baby born in Castlemont today, the average life expectancy is 74 years, according to the Alameda County Public Health Department. That's 12 years less than a child born in nearby Piedmont, a small and wealthy enclave in Oakland, a few miles north of Castlemont.









Youth Uprising/Castlemont Health Center opened 2006



Dr. Barbara Staggers, as Adolescent Medical Director at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, opened the Chappell-Hayes and YU/Castlemont School Based Health Center. Dr Su Park lead our school based behavioral health programs. Together they laid a foundation for culturally accountable and trauma informed care.



Trauma Informed Care

According to SAMHSA's concept of a trauma-informed approach, "A program, organization, or system that is trauma-informed:

- Realizes the widespread impact of trauma and understands potential paths for recovery;
- *Recognizes* the signs and symptoms of trauma in clients, families, staff, and others involved with the system;
- Responds by fully integrating knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, and practices; and
- Seeks to actively resist *re-traumatization*.





Schools can no longer limit interventions to individual children with known trauma histories but must create instructional frameworks that integrate a trauma-sensitive approach into all aspects of the school day.

Craige, Reaching Children Who Hurt: Strategies for Your Classroom

Trauma Informed and Healing Schools

- Principal and Administrative Healing Schools Consultation
- Trauma Informed Schools Professional Development for educators
- Wellness sessions for educators led by clinicians
- Trauma and Resiliency trainings for parents
- In class presentations for students

National Models



National Center for School Mental Health (NCSMH)

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Comprehensive School Based Behavioral Health Services

- Evidenced Based and Culturally responsive Psychotherapy for adolescents and families
- **On-call** assessment for suicidal behaviors
- **Psychiatry services** and linkage to medical services.
- Training and Consultation to and with school staff, medical providers and school partners
- Peer health education and outreach

"Thank you so much for all your help, you know you are a part of our family now. You helped me so much with my parenting skills and supported me to take care of myself so I could take care of my family. We really appreciate you!" —Parent February 2018





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Treatment and Intervention

- Evidence Based and Culturally Responsive Care
- Addressing Social Determinants of Health
- School Based
 Behavioral Health
 Clinical Team



Selected Evidence-Based Interventions

Adolescents

- ✓ Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT)
- ✓ Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- ✓ Seeking Safety
- Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CBITS)
- ✓ Attachment, Regulation & Competency (ARC)
- ✓ Motivational Interviewing

SAMHSA's National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices (NREPP): <u>http://www.samhsa.gov/data/evidencebased-programs-nrepp</u>

National Child Traumatic Stress Network Treatments That Work: <u>http://www.nctsn.org/resources/topics/treatments-that-</u> work/promising-practices

Student Engagement

- Informed consent
- Destigmatizing Mental Health
- Managing confidentiality on a school campus



Family Engagement

- Engaging multi-stressed families
- Managing confidentiality, mandated reporting and therapeutic relationships
- Child and adolescent
 development
- Engaging caregivers in safety planning
- Celebrating with families



Collaboration

- School Staff
- Educators
- Primary Care
- Psychiatry

- Social Workers, Probation Officers
- Coaches



Bridging to Resources

- School services
- Medical providers
- Therapeutic Behavioral Services
- Regional Center
- Psychological testing
- Youth Development Programs
- Internships and work opportunities
- Addressing social determinants of health



Competencies needed in a School Based Behavioral Health Team

- Cultural Humility
- Youth
 Development
- Case Consultation
- Reflective
 Supervision
- On Going Training
- Addressing Vicarious Trauma



Comprehensive School Based Behavioral Health: Reaching the whole school

Our goal is to promote the health of the whole school – students, families, educators and to support a healthy and safe community.



Youth as a Resource in School Based Mental Health

- Youth were actively involved with design and implementation of each clinic
- Couch wanted to replicate the feeling of "Sanctuary"
- Chose name: Chappell Hayes to honor Chappell Hayes, West Oakland environmental activist who worked in the woodshop where the clinic is now



Youth as a Resource in School Based Mental Health

- Youth Health Advocates
- Peer Health
 Workers
- Peer Counselors
- Youth Health Ambassadors





- Thank you for being somewhere I can come to when I don't know what's best for me and I can't talk about it/make decisions with anyone else
- Helped get less stressed and more focused on my schoolwork
- Helped me build myself a stronger woman by example and conversation
- con recursos en la comunidad
- The school health center helped me manage my stress at home, fill out job applications get connected to a psychiatrist
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- They have helped me control my anxiety and not feel depressed
- they have helped me in not getting distracted so easily





PUBLIC FUNDING

[TRAUMA-INFORMED] FUNDING PRINCIPLES

Mental health resources reach ALL students

 The goal is to sustain services in all three tiers for a comprehensive school-based mental health

Comprehensive school mental health programs require strong partnerships between school staff and community providers, where everyone identifies resources to bring to the table.

Some funding sources may run counter to trauma-informed, healing-centered goals.









"COUNTY" FUNDING: The Who? What? How?

Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health

Medi-Cal Mild/Moderate

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)

- Sometimes called "EPSDT funding or services"
 Controlled by County Mental Health Plans
 Intensive, clinical services
 Must contract with the county
 Controlled by Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans
 Shorter term interventions
 Must contract with managed care plan
 Distributed directly to the counties
 - Enhance, rather than replace, existing programs
 - PEI funding category! Three year spending plans submitted by the county!

"SCHOOL" FUNDING: The Who? What? How?



NEW FUNDING: ACES AWARE

- Initiative between DHCS and State Surgeon General
- To increase trauma screening for Medi-Cal patients in **primary care settings**
- \$29 supplemental payment to Medi-Cal providers
 - PEARLS tool for pediatric patients
- After July 1, 2020, providers must complete a training to continue receiving supplemental payment
- https://www.acesaware.org



RESOURCES

Public Funding for School-Based Mental Health Programs (toolkit):

http://bit.ly/SMHfunding

School Mental Health Resources: https://www.schoolhealthcenters.org/healthlearning/ mentalhealth/

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