



Child Mental Health Work Group

1. **Purpose:**

The purpose of these funds is to support the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Work Group to meet and develop recommendations to improve behavioral health supports and outcomes for preschool through twelve students in the state.

2. **Description of services provided:**

Funds are used to staff the School-based Behavioral Health and Suicide Prevention Subcommittee of the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Work Group. The Subcommittee convenes bi-monthly meetings of members who include: P-12 students, parents of P-12 students, behavioral health staff at schools/districts/ESDs, staff at behavioral health organizations that work in schools, and staff of advocacy organizations focused on school-based behavioral health supports. Funded staff plan agendas for bi-monthly meetings, facilitate bi-monthly meetings, recruit members, seek relevant speakers/presentation topics for bi-monthly meetings, provide administrative and programmatic support for ongoing Subcommittee work, and represent the Subcommittee in front of the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Work Group.

3. **Criteria for receiving services and/or grants:**

Legislation offers staffing support to the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Work Group. This proviso does not include grants.

Beneficiaries in 2021-22 School Year:

Number of School Districts:	0
Number of Schools:	0
Number of Students:	0
Number of Educators:	0
Other:	N/A

Number of OSPI staff associated with this funding (FTEs): 1.0

Number of contractors/other staff associated with this funding: 1

FY22 Funding:	State Appropriation:	\$107,000
	Federal Appropriation:	\$0
	Other Fund Sources:	\$0
	TOTAL (FY22)	\$107,000

4. Are federal or other funds contingent on state funding?

No

5. State funding history:

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
2022	\$107,000	\$79,991
2021	\$107,000	\$0

6. Number of beneficiaries (e.g., school districts, schools, students, educators, other) history:

Fiscal Year	Number of Schools
N/A	N/A

7. Programmatic changes since inception (if any):

N/A

8. Evaluations of program/major findings:

The School-based Behavioral Health and Suicide Prevention Subcommittee provides priority recommendations to the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Work Group each fall. The Subcommittee is in the final stages of finalizing recommendations for this year, which are due to the larger work group on October 11, 2022.

9. Major challenges faced by the program:

Completion of recommendation efforts in the allowed time given the complex nature of the work. While the Subcommittee currently has two members who are youth with lived experience and four members who are parents of youth with lived experience, maintaining active engagement, given the time and length of Subcommittee meetings, is an ongoing challenge.

10. Future opportunities:

Subcommittee staff will continue to work toward recruiting more regionally, demographically, and professionally diverse members each two-year cycle. Staff will continue to explore creative ways to encourage and incorporate the voices of youth and family with lived experience seeking school-based behavioral health supports in

two Subcommittee decision-making. And, staff will continue to build, support, improve and coordinate behavioral health supports for students through the intersection of cross-system collaboration, policy, funding, and implementation supports.

11. Statutory and/or budget language:

ESSB 5693, Sec. 501(3)(f) \$107,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2022 and \$107,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2023 are provided solely for the office to support the children and youth behavioral health work group created in [chapter 130, Laws of 2020](#) (child. mental health wk. grp).

12. Other relevant information:

N/A

13. Schools/districts receiving assistance:

See [OSPI's grantee list](#).

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