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### **Solano County Behavioral Health (SCBH) Contracts with Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) to Provide Expanded Mental Health Services for Students**

**FAIRFIELD, CA** – Today [Solano County Behavioral Health](#) (SCBH) and the [Solano County Office of Education](#) (SCOE) are pleased to announce the Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) grant award of \$4 Million across 5 years, which will expand mental health services and supports for students in K-12 school sites across Solano County. The MHSSA Grant supports the enhancement and expansion of training for school personnel, parents/caretakers and students in recognizing the signs of mental health conditions, stigma reduction and suicide prevention for Solano school districts and charter schools. Additionally, this grant supports the enhancement of districts' crisis protocols as well as the implementation of a specialized school-based mobile crisis team to respond to student crises on school campuses during the school day. This will allow SCOE to provide additional direct mental health services, screenings and assessments for middle and high school students identified to be at risk for dropping out of school, for participating school districts and charter schools.

Through a contract from SCBH, SCOE will begin to provide School-Based Mobile Crisis Services and the screening/assessment services at the start of the 2021-22 school year. The new services will be implemented in collaboration with the county, school districts and school sites, local police departments and community partners. Additionally, SCOE has hired and trained clinicians as Crisis Specialists to respond to crisis situations on K-12 school campuses serving children and youth experiencing a mental health crisis. All students in need will be served, regardless of insurance or immigration status, with the mission of de-escalating situations, linking families to necessary services, and supporting the coordination of care. This service will be available from 8 AM- 4:30 PM on school campuses during normal school hours. School-Based Mobile Crisis services provided through SCOE specializes in supporting schools and districts and are a key local education agency (LEA) partner familiar with school communities and protocols.

Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson noted, "We know that students cannot learn well if they are struggling emotionally. Solano County Office of Education's longstanding partnership with Solano County Behavioral Health has resulted in better supports and coping skills for students at school, as well as improved access to mental health resources for families. We are well positioned to support students as we return to school following the global pandemic."

The MHSSA grant enhances programs funded by SCBH Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) prevention and early intervention (PEI) as well as the School Wellness Center Initiative (SWCI) with SCOE. To date, SCBH has provided over \$850,000 to fund 45 culturally responsive school-based wellness centers on K-12 and adult education sites across Solano County. Both SCBH and SCOE are proud to launch the MHSSA Grant programming as these services and supports align with efforts both organizations have made over the last several years to improve student wellness with an emphasis on prevention and early intervention.

#### **For more information:**

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