

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

HB Section(s): 2.081

Mental Health Coordinator

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Mental Health Coordinator

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Safe & Healthy Schools

1b. What does this program do?

The mental health coordinator, Coordinator of School-Based Mental Health (SBMH) will serve as DESE's leader to the local education agencies (LEAs) and charter schools, coordinate/lead all of DESE's interagency SBMH initiatives, and serve as a liaison with our interagency partners. In addition, they will lead in and focus on all areas of SBMH including existing initiatives (Trauma Informed, Suicide Awareness and Prevention, Mental Health Training and Awareness, etc.) and other new initiatives yet to be announced.

2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.

The SBMH Coordinator serves the entire State of Missouri. With an increase in mental health needs, the activity measure for this position (and creation of the overall SBMH program) is to meet the state's needs in supporting Tier 2 and Tier 3 services and professionals in all LEAs in Missouri.

For the SBMH Coordinator position, activity measures will be coordination of interagency SBMH initiatives, development and coordination of federal SBMH grant funds for LEAs and IHEs, and day-to-day role as a liaison with interagency partners, SBMH professional organizations, and SBMH University programs.

2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.

1. SBMH Coordinator will ensure SBMH program initiatives will meet all deadlines for implementation and revisions (e.g. Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention Model Policy by law revised every three years with input from LEAs).

2. SBMH Coordinator will ensure all federal grant program guidance documents, applications, administrative memos, award letters, and correspondence are accurate, detailed, and consistent.

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2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.

Measures of the SBMH Coordinator's impact in creating a SBMH program to support Tier 2 and Tier 3 services and professionals in schools will be collected in several ways:

1. Measures will be collected from school counselors, school social workers, and school psychologists in LEAs in a survey format beginning in April 2023 and every year thereafter. Data collected will include:
 - a. Awareness of SBMH Coordinator role and support available
 - i. SBMH Coordinator responsiveness to stakeholder requests
 - b. Awareness of Resources for SBMH Initiatives
 - i. Trauma-Informed Initiative
 - ii. Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention Model Policy
 - iii. Youth Mental Health First Aid Training
 - iv. Youth Mental Health Awareness Training
 - v. Other SBMH Initiatives DESE initiated or legislatively mandated
2. Measures include the development and coordination of federal grant funds to increase SBMH services in schools (\$40,000,000 managed within the first 4 months of hire) and will be measured by a decrease in SBMH professional to student ratios. The ratios are:
 - a. Recommended 250:1 for school counselors and the data indicates 339:1
 - b. Recommended 250:1 for school social workers and the data indicates 2,250:1
 - c. Recommended 500:1 for school psychologist and the data indicates 4,867:1
 - i. Data provided by <https://hopefulfutures.us/action-missouri>
3. Measures will be collected in a survey format beginning in April 2023 and every year thereafter from interagency partners, SBMH professional organizations, and Universities with SBMH programs on relationship-building efforts, collaboration and coordination efforts
 - a. SBMH Coordinators responsiveness to requests
 - b. SBMH Coordinators responsiveness to collaborate
 - c. SBMH Coordinators responsiveness to coordination efforts

2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.

1. SBMH Coordinators efficiency will be measured by LEAs, interagency partners, SBMH professionals, and Universities with SBMH programs requests for technical assistance will "meet" or "exceed" expectations within 24-48 hours.
2. SBMH Coordinators efficiency will be measured by internal and external obligations being met prior to posted or expected deadlines.

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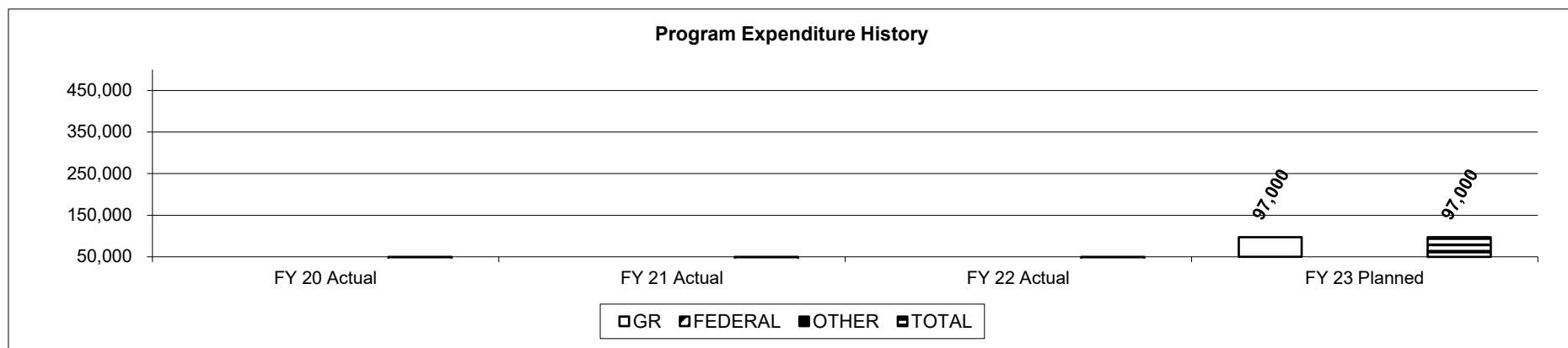
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



4. What are the sources of the "Other " funds?

N/A

5. What is the authorization for this program, i.e., federal or state statute, etc.? (Include the federal program number, if applicable.)

House Bill 3002 Section 2.081

6. Are there federal matching requirements? If yes, please explain.

No

7. Is this a federally mandated program? If yes, please explain.

No