Now Is the Time: Project Aware Grant

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Awards

• “Now Is the Time” Project Aware from the United States Department of Health and Human Services – Substance Abuse Mental Health Service Agency (SAMHSA)

• School Climate Transformation (SCT) from the United States Department of Education – Office of Elementary and Secondary Education and Office of Safe and Health Students
## Funding Basics

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**Grand Total**
Need for Mental Health services

- 1 in 5 children are identified as needing a mental health (MH) service
- Only about a third of these children receive MH service
- School as the de facto MH provider
- Juvenile justice system is next level of system default
Now Is the Time Goal 1

• Develop a multi-tiered model that integrates a comprehensive systems approach for addressing the mental health needs of children and youth

• Piloted within three selected school divisions: Montgomery County, Pulaski County and Fairfax County
Now Is the Time Goal 2

- Integrate a multi-tiered systems framework for the delivery of mental health services that will increase the efficiency of systems at the state and local levels to advance collaboration, capacity, integration, and coordination of services
Now Is the Time Goal 3

- Expand the availability and delivery of Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) and Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) throughout the Commonwealth to increase early identification and intervention in cases of mental health distress in Virginia’s youth.
School Mental Health

• Involves **partnership** between schools and community health/mental health organizations, as guided by **families and youth**

• Builds on **existing school programs**, services, and strategies
Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA)

• Evidence-based curriculum that provides adult gatekeepers with information to identify youth experiencing problems with mental health and substance abuse and make referrals to supports services within the school and/or in the community.
State Management Team

• Works to align policies and procedure to overcome barriers hindering local education, mental health and other youth/family services providers

• Provides state and local level systems with a continuous feedback loop during this transforming process
Shared Purpose: Mental Health and School Climate

- Schools supporting/promoting mental health of all students
- Prevention, early access, interventions, according to level of need
- School personnel feel confident and competent in identifying and intervening with accuracy and effectiveness
Now Is the Time for Transformation!

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