



Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse Disorder

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Agenda

- Mental Health Assistance Program (MHAP)
- Resiliency Florida
- Hope Florida



Mental Health Assistance Programs

MHAP Purpose

- [Section \(s.\) 1006.041, Florida Statutes \(F.S.\)](#) – Each school district must implement a school-based MHAP that includes:
 - Training classroom teachers and other school staff in detecting and responding to mental health issues.
 - Connecting children, youth and families who may experience behavioral health issues with appropriate services.

MHAP Plan

Plans must be focused on delivering evidence-based mental health care treatment to children and include:

- A multi-tiered system of supports to deliver evidence-based mental health care assessment, diagnosis, intervention, treatment and recovery services to students with one or more mental health or co-occurring substance abuse diagnoses and students at high risk of such diagnoses.
- The provision of services must be coordinated with a student's primary mental health care provider and other mental health providers involved in the student's care.

MHAP Plan, continued

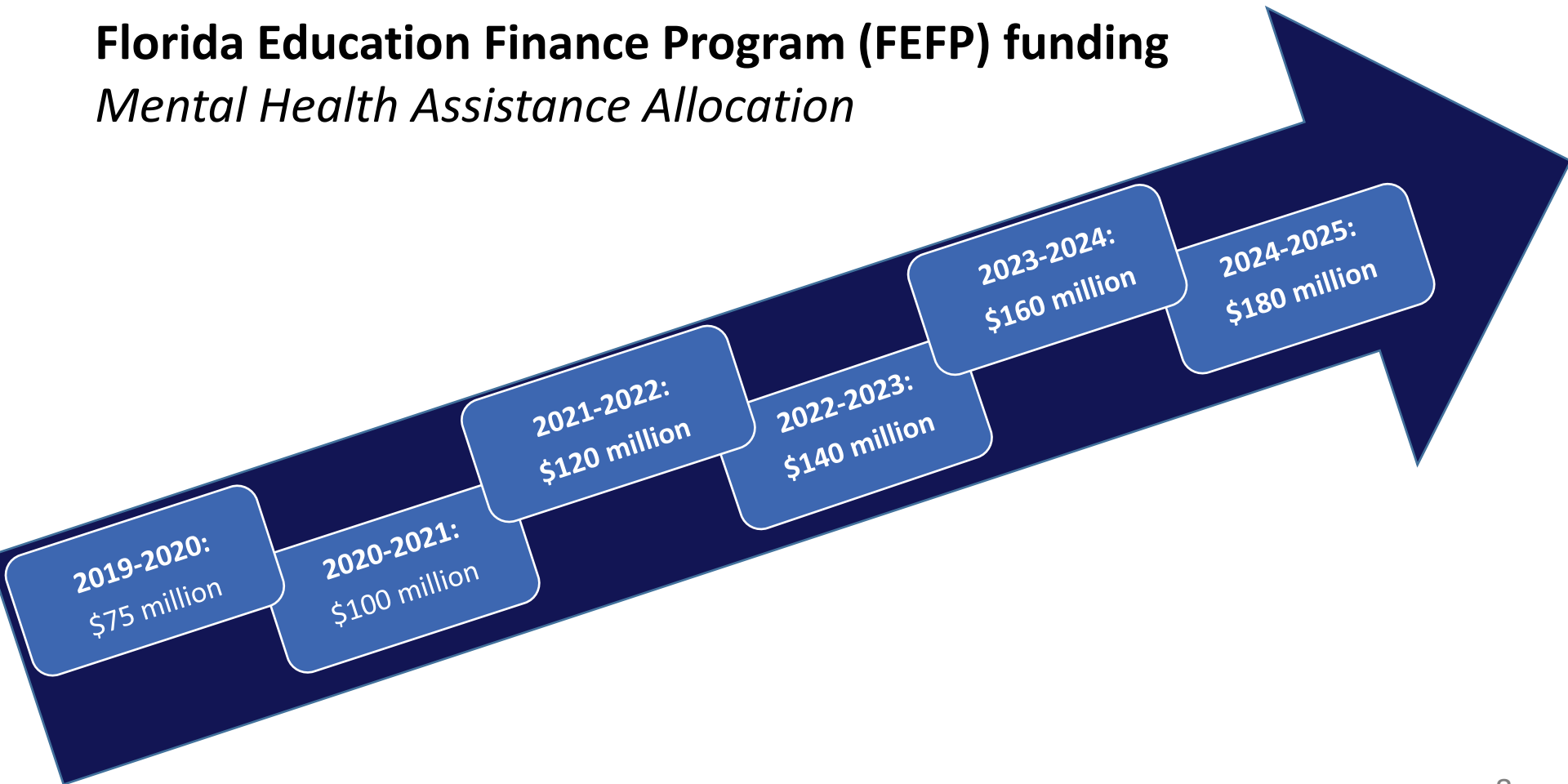
- Direct employment of school-based mental health services providers to expand and enhance school-based student services and reduce the student-to-staff ratio to better align with nationally recommended ratio models. The providers shall include, but are not limited to, certified school counselors, school psychologists, school social workers and other licensed mental health professionals.

MHAP Plan, continued

- Contracts or interagency agreements with one or more local community behavioral health providers or providers of Community Action Team services to provide a behavioral health staff presence and services at district schools. Services may include, but are not limited to, mental health screenings and assessments, individual counseling, family counseling, group counseling, psychiatric or psychological services, trauma-informed care, mobile crisis services and behavior modification.
- These behavioral health services may be provided on or off the school campus and may be supplemented by telehealth as defined in [s. 456.47\(1\), F.S.](#)

Significant Investments in Mental Health

Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) funding
Mental Health Assistance Allocation





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