

STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D. Secretary and Executive Officer RE: Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Mental Health Services Coordinator (MHSC) Application

In the FY 2026 ETF Budget, Alabama Act 2025-270, the Legislature appropriated \$6,360,000 to provide funds to local education agencies (LEAs), Charter Schools, and Public Independent Schools to employ Mental Health Service Coordinators (MHSCs) to facilitate and expand the coordination of mental health wellness supports throughout respective school systems.

Funds are allocated for LEAs, Charter Schools, and Independent Public Schools to employ an MHSC, utilizing a minimum salary that would be comparable to other qualified persons providing mental wellness-related support in other public sectors throughout the state. The LEAs must meet all assurances and guidelines prescribed in the linked application for this funding opportunity.

The MHSC awards will be approximately \$40,000 and distributed quarterly. LEAs will be notified of application approval by August 4, 2025, and funds for the position will be available beginning on October 1, 2025. A copy of the fillable MHSC application may be accessed at <u>FY2026 MHCS</u> <u>Application</u>. In addition, a contact template is required as part of the application process and can be accessed at <u>2025-2026 MHSC Contact Form</u>. The MHSC applications must be submitted electronically no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, June 30, 2025.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact Dr. Kay A. Warfield by email at <u>kaw@alsde.edu</u> or by telephone at 334-694-4724 or Mrs. Tracey Goreed by email at <u>tracey.goreed@alsde.edu</u> or by telephone at 334-694-4723.

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Attachment

cc:

- LEA Chief School Financial Officers Charter Schools Independent Public Schools LEA Mental Health Services Coordinators Mrs. Angela Martin Mr. Arthur J. Watts, Jr.
- Dr. Melissa Shields Mrs. Lynn Shows Mr. Sean J. Stevens Dr. Kay A. Warfield Mrs. Tracey Goreed

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For questions regarding the DocuSign process, please contact Mrs. Meagen Anthony-Rush at <u>meagen.anthony@alsde.edu</u>

For questions regarding the content of the grant application, please contact Dr. Kay Atchison Warfield at <u>kaw@alsde.edu</u> or Mrs. Tracey Goreed at <u>tracey.goreed@alsde.edu</u> or via telephone at (334) 694-4768.