



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Education

September 14, 2022

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education
FROM: Eric G. Mackey *EGM*
 State Superintendent of Education
RE: Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Mental Health Services Coordinator (MHSC)

The Alabama State Department of Education has acknowledged 146 Mental Health Service Coordinator (MHSC) applications/assurances to receive the FY 2023 funds allocated in support of MHSCs. Local education agencies (LEAs) and independent public schools will receive funds in the amount of \$40,000. The LEA will be responsible for evidence of impact in one or any combination of the following areas: (1) an increase in the number of students promoted in Grades 3, 6, and 9, (2) an increase in students' attendance, and (3) a reduction in the number of out-of-school suspensions. Please maintain accurate records to reflect progress and/or revisions in preparation to share during the Reflection Summit for the 2022-2023 MHSC scheduled for spring of 2023.

The funds will be available for program activities from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023. The Revenue/Fund Source for this special allocation is 1271. Funds will be paid quarterly beginning October 1, 2022, with a slight delay in the beginning to be mid-November and then back on schedule. The person(s) coordinating the Mental Health Wellness Program or the LEA MHSC will compile data before, during, and after the program, as the State Legislature (and the ALSDE) will request to assist in determining increased funding and the effectiveness of programs/services utilized.

A "Mental Health Program Needs Assessment" and the "Opt-In" policy identified in Act 2022-422 will be addressed during the annual 2022-2023 MHSC Training on September 26-27, 2022, at the Bryant Conference Center in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The morning session on September 26 from 8:30 a.m.-12 noon will serve as orientation for MHSCs that have served less than six months, and the remainder of the training is designed for everyone! Registration by September 16, 2022, is required in PowerSchool Professional Learning (**Course #283597**) to receive a parking pass, credit hours, and refreshments. Contact Ms. Tracey Goreed at 334-694-4723 for assistance.

Thank you for your commitment to the needs of our students as a safe learning environment is enhanced for everyone. If you have not submitted a signed MHSC Application/Assurance and want to join this Mental Health Team, please complete the application by accessing the link at: [MHSC Application Assurances](#). The MHSC Contact Sheet can be completed by accessing the link at: <https://forms.office.com/r/TWN3HDuf9J> and should be submitted no later than September 16, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Kay Atchison Warfield, Education Administrator, Prevention and Support Services, by telephone at 334-694-4717 or by email at kaw@alsde.edu.

EGM/KAW/SB

cc: City and County Chief School Financial Officers
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