

# WestEd MHSSA Evaluation Commission Meeting

December 6, 2023



# Agenda



Survey



Overview of Process



Community Engagement Updates



Closing

# 2-Minute Survey: Guide Our Next Steps!



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# Partners



- Students
- Parents and caregivers



- School-based educators and staff
- School district and county office of education system administrators
- School-based mental health (MH)/behavioral health (BH) service providers



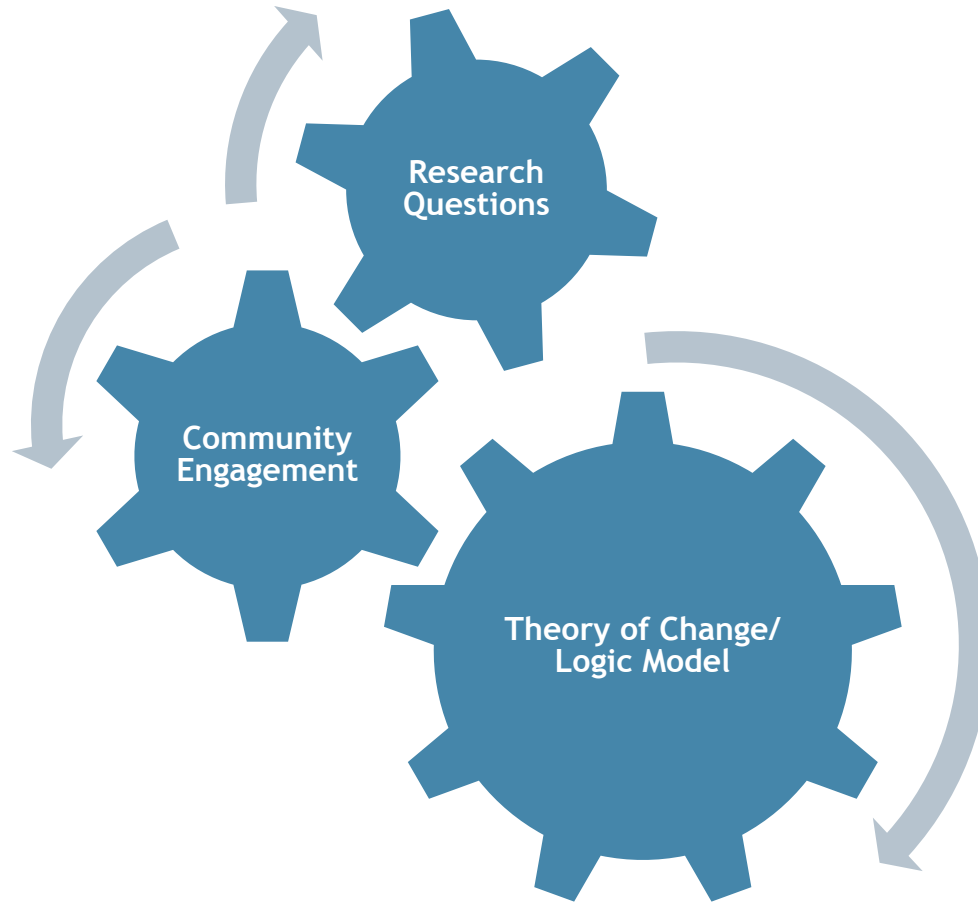
- County MH/BH system administrators
- State agency administrators



- Evaluators of MHSSA Grantee programs



# Phase 1: Planning



# Community Engagement Updates

## 11 Listening Sessions

Grantees

6 Sessions

56 Participants

MHSOAC  
Staff

2 Sessions

24 Participants

Youth

3 Sessions

22 Participants

# Highlight: Learnings From Grantees

The Power of Partnerships

How MHSSA Funds Support Sustainable Systems and Structures

The Variety of Initiatives Supported by MHSSA Funds

Priority Populations

Components to Creating Sustainable Change

Other Partners

Emerging Grantee Inquiries

# Highlight: Emerging Inquiries From Grantees

## MHSSA Fund Utilization

*How are other counties using their funds?*

## Grantee Practices

*What are the best approaches for collaboratively delivering SBMH to students? For data collection and data use?*

## Impact

*What does the future of school-based mental health services look like?*



# Highlight: Learnings From Youth

Imagine a school whose main focus is mental health and well-being

1.  
Who is there?

2. What activities, services, or programs do you see that support mental health and well-being?

3. What does mental health and well-being look like in this school?

4. What does the physical environment look, feel, and sound like?

# Highlight: Learnings From Youth

Mental health should be embedded into a school's culture, practice, and systems.

- Regular interactions with adults is key to a school that centers well-being
- School norms support well-being
- Physical environment creates an uplifting space
- Students need to know how to seek support *and* feel safe enough to do so

# Highlight: Learnings From Youth

How would we know if a school centers well-being?

- Mental health is embedded throughout the school
- Students feel...
  - Uplifted and supported
  - School is a calm environment
  - Less stressed and pressured
  - Excited to return to school
  - Comfortable seeking help
- Services are accessed

# Engagement With MHSOAC Staff

- Learning
  - Role of MHSOAC in MHSSA administration and implementation
  - Vision for MHSSA
- Collaborating on strategies to engage partners
- Collaborating on emerging evaluation logic model, framework, research questions, and methods

# What Is Next?

- Using survey results
- Sensemaking session
- Beginning engagement with county-level external evaluators, school-based service providers, educators, and school district administrators
- Forming a youth advisory group
- Continued engagement with the Commission, county behavioral health, and county offices of education

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# Questions?

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