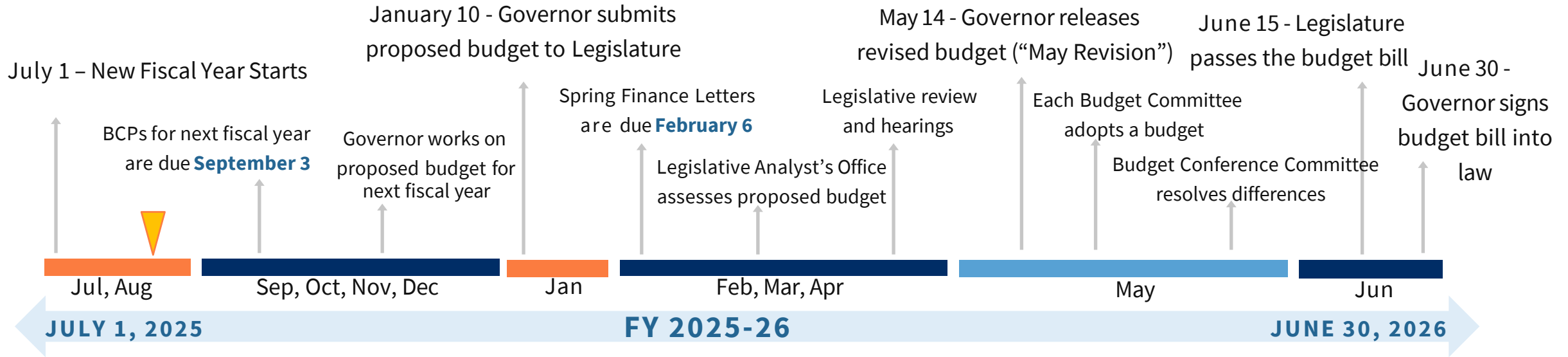




# CBH Budget Overview and Proposed Budget for FY 2025-26

**Norma Pate**, *Deputy Director of Administration and Performance Management*  
August 21, 2025

# California's Fiscal Year and Budget Process Timeline



State Budget is developed a year in advance – any funds we request now will not be available until **July 1, 2026**

- The Commission can request budget changes through the Department of Finance or by working directly with the Legislature
- Commission budget proposals do not require the DOF's approval before submission to the Legislature.

- **FY** – Fiscal Year
- **PY** – Prior Year (FY 2024-25)
- **CY** – Current Year (FY 2025-26)
- **BY** – Budget Year (FY 2026-27)
- **YTD** – Year to Date
- **BCP** – Budget Change Proposal

# CBH Funding

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (BHSA)

**1% Income tax on personal income over \$1 million per year**

- Majority of BHSA funding goes to counties, but it allows up to **3%** to be used for state administration of BHSA.
- CBH is funded entirely through that **3%** state administration portion of the BHSA funds

CBH ongoing yearly budget consists of two main funds

**State Operations** include personnel, general operational costs, and budget directed funds (funds that are part of the Budget Act received for a specific purpose).

**Local Assistance** funds are used for grants and advocacy contracts that are distributed to the community.

# CBH Current Funding Sources

## ONGOING YEARLY FUNDS

**Mental Health Wellness Act:** \$20 million annually to support crisis intervention and support, and early intervention services.

**Behavioral Health Student Services Act:** Ongoing appropriation of \$7.6 million to provide comprehensive school-based mental health services to students and families.

**Community Advocacy Contracts:** \$6.7 million annually to competitive grants to organizations serving nine specified high-need populations.

**FSP Evaluations (SB 465):** \$400,000 annually ongoing to support FSP evaluation and reports to the Legislature.

# CBH Current Funding Sources

## ONE-TIME AND TIME-LIMITED FUNDS

### **Behavioral Health Student Services Act Administration:**

\$25 million to administer the Behavioral Health Student Services Act (BHSSA) grant program.

### **Behavioral Health Student Services Act Evaluation:**

\$16.6 million to evaluate the BHSSA grant program.

**Prop 1 Implementation:** \$100,000 annually for 3 years starting in FY 2024-25 to implement the necessary changes as required by SB 326 Proposition 1.

# Encumber and Reversion Dates and “Braided” Funding

## Funds have time constraints

1 YEAR TO ENCUMBER  
2 YEARS TO SPEND

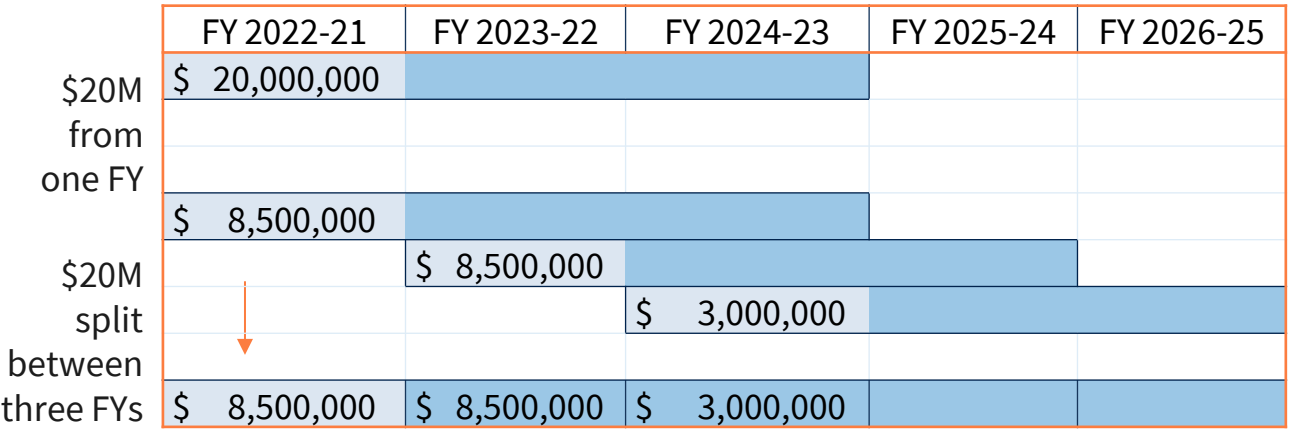
Can be longer if specified in the Budget Act

Ongoing funds allow us to “braid” multiple fiscal years to give grantees more than two years to spend the grant

- **Encumbrance** - represents a commitment to spend money for a future expense. Funds get encumbered when a grant, contract or purchase order is signed.
- **Reversion** - any unspent funds will revert back to the Behavioral Health Services Fund.

Instead of using funds from one fiscal year, the grant amounts are split between two or more fiscal years to allow grantees at least three years to spend the funds.

This also means we monitor multiple active grants and contracts that span years



Encumbrance period      Expenditure period  
Funds are active until the reversion date

# Overview of Active Funds from Past Fiscal Years

## Prior years' funds available for encumbrance

BHSSA Administration: \$25 million to administer the BHSSA grant program.

Enactment Year	Prior Years' Available Funds	Original Budget	Total YTD	Available	Encumbrance Date
FY 2024-25	MHWA FY 2024	\$ 20,000,000	\$13,500,000	\$ 6,500,000	6/30/2026
FY 2021-22	Older Adults Reappropriation	\$ 995,301	\$ 805,463	\$ 189,838	6/30/2026
FY 2021-22	BHSSA Admin	\$ 25,000,000	\$18,292,640	\$ 6,707,360	6/30/2026
FY 2022-23	BHSSA Evaluation	\$ 16,646,000	\$ 6,132,794	\$10,513,206	6/30/2026
	Total Prior Years' Funds	\$ 62,641,301	\$38,730,897	\$23,910,404	

The Maternal BH 0-5 and FSP Technical Assistance procurements will be funded using part of the \$6.5M that was allocated in FY 2024-25

BHSSA Evaluation \$16.6 million to evaluate the BHSSA grant program.

A grantee withdrew from the program and the funds were reappropriated to extend the encumbrance date. The funds were reallocated to the other grantees, and a balance was left. These funds can only be used for the Older Adults population.

# FY 2024-25 Budget Overview

BHSOAC Budget FY 2024-25	Budget	Actuals	Variance
<b>Operations</b>			
<b>Personnel</b>	<b>\$9,697,000</b>	<b>\$7,723,474</b>	<b>\$1,973,526</b>
Salaries and Wages	\$6,110,000	\$5,491,237	\$618,763
Staff Benefits	\$3,587,000	\$2,232,237	\$1,354,763
<b>Operations</b>	<b>\$4,295,000</b>	<b>\$4,520,565</b>	<b>(\$225,565)</b>
Administration & Performance Management	\$2,422,704	\$2,334,292	\$88,412
Legislative and External Affairs	\$217,830	\$142,586	\$75,244
Research, Evaluation & Program Operations	\$1,649,802	\$1,752,187	(\$102,385)
Legal	\$4,664	\$291,500	(\$286,836)
<b>Budget Directed</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
FSP Evaluations	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$ -
Prop 1 Implementation	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$ -
<b>Reductions</b>		<b>\$1,578,000</b>	<b>(\$1,578,000)</b>
Pension Adjustment		\$41,000	(\$41,000)
Vacancy Elimination		\$385,000	(\$385,000)
7.95% State Reduction		\$1,152,000	(\$1,152,000)
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>\$ 14,492,000</b>	<b>\$14,322,039</b>	<b>\$169,961</b>
<b>Local Assistance</b>			
Mental Health Wellness Act	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 13,500,000	\$ 6,500,000*
Behavioral Health Student Services Act	\$ 7,606,000	\$ 7,606,000	\$ -
Community Advocacy	\$ 6,700,000	\$ 6,700,000	\$ -
<b>Total Local Assistance</b>	<b>\$ 34,306,000</b>	<b>\$ 27,806,000</b>	<b>\$ 6,500,000</b>
<b>Total FY 2024-25</b>	<b>\$ 48,798,000</b>	<b>\$ 42,128,039</b>	<b>\$ 6,669,961</b>

## FY 2024-25 PROCUREMENTS

- BHSSA Statewide Coordinator
- Immigrants and Refugees Advocacy (Local)
- MHWA Maternal Behavioral Health/0-5
- K-12 Advocacy

- ✓ Original budget amounts for salaries, benefits, operations and local assistance are provided every year by the Department of Finance in the state budget galley.
- ✓ The galley document for the Commission can be found on the CA Budget website [FY 2024-25 Galley](#).

\*\$6.5 million from prior year and \$20 million from current year planned for Maternal BH/0-5 TA, FSP TA, and Peer Respite procurements



# Proposed Commission Budget for FY 2025-26

- ✓ Budget allocations are estimated based on prior year expenses and known expenses for this year.

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BHSOAC Budget FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26	Budget FY 2024-25	Actuals FY 2024-25	Proposed FY 2025-26
<b>Operations</b>			
<b>Personnel</b>	\$ 9,697,000	\$7,723,474	\$8,556,529
Salaries and Wages	\$ 5,835,000	\$5,491,237	\$5,390,613
Staff Benefits	\$ 3,862,000	\$2,232,237	\$3,165,916
<b>Operations</b>	\$ 4,295,000	\$4,520,565	\$3,832,526
Administration & Performance Management	\$ 2,422,704	\$2,334,292	\$2,207,457
Legislative and External Affairs	\$ 217,830	\$142,586	\$158,960
Research, Evaluation & Program Operations	\$ 1,649,802	\$1,752,187	\$1,311,925
Legal	\$ 4,664	\$291,500	\$154,184
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# Planned Procurements for FY 2025-26

## FY 2025-26 COMPETITIVE BID PROCUREMENTS

- Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy (Statewide)
- MHWA Maternal Behavioral Health Technical Assistance
- MHWA FSP Technical Assistance
- Transition Aged Youth Advocacy
- MHWA Peer Respite
- Innovation

## INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP FUND

Under the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), the Commission will begin administering the Innovation Partnership Fund on July 1, 2026, which may be awarded to private, public, and nonprofit partners.

With \$20 million per year over five years the fund will support innovative, evidence-based approaches to mental health and substance use disorder services, with a focus on underserved, low-income populations, and communities impacted by behavioral health disparities.

- ✓ Innovation Partnership Fund procurement can be completed this year, and grants can start on July 1, 2026, when these funds become available.

# Proposed Adjustment to MHWA Maternal Behavioral Health Funding Allocation

**Background:** On November 21, 2024 the Commission approved staff to release an RFP to award \$21 million in Mental Health Wellness Act funding through a competitive bid process for Maternal behavioral health and 0-5 population, of which \$3 million was to be for technical assistance and evaluation.

**Adjustment:** Total funds for this project have been reduced from \$21 million to \$20 million to match other MHWA initiatives and therefor landscape analysis, evaluation and technical support funds are reduced to \$2 million.

## Request

- \$399,000 be allocated for interagency agreement with UCSF to support immediate evaluation efforts including baseline data collection and ongoing evaluation support.
- Remaining \$1,601,000 be allocated for competitive bid for technical assistance and landscape analysis.

# Expenditure Authorization

- **\$97,000** for contract with California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions (CALBHB/C) to provide training and support to California's local behavioral health boards and commissions
- **\$150,000** amendment to TIM TIOTE contract for continuing consulting with upcoming competitive procurements
- **\$110,711** for 3 years of IT security support with GoSecure to:
  - Protect endpoints from external threats, scan them for vulnerabilities and review suspicious events.
  - Assure that an expert will be available in the event of an incident
  - Provide required areas of security for CDT OIS and FBI CJIS compliance
- **\$2,000,000** in MHWFA funds previously set aside for Maternal Behavioral Health technical assistance:
  - \$399,000 to be allocated for interagency agreement with UCSF for evaluation support
  - Remaining \$1,601,000 be allocated for competitive bid for technical assistance and landscape analysis.



**Thank you.**



Questions?



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Behavioral Health

# Motion

- ✓ That the Budget and Fiscal Advisory Committee recommends to the full Commission to adopt the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025-26 and associated contracts, as presented.



# Budget and Fiscal Advisory Committee

**Norma Pate**, *Deputy Director*  
August 21, 2025





Investing in Student Well-Being: The  
Behavioral Health Student Services  
Act Grant Program

# BHSSA

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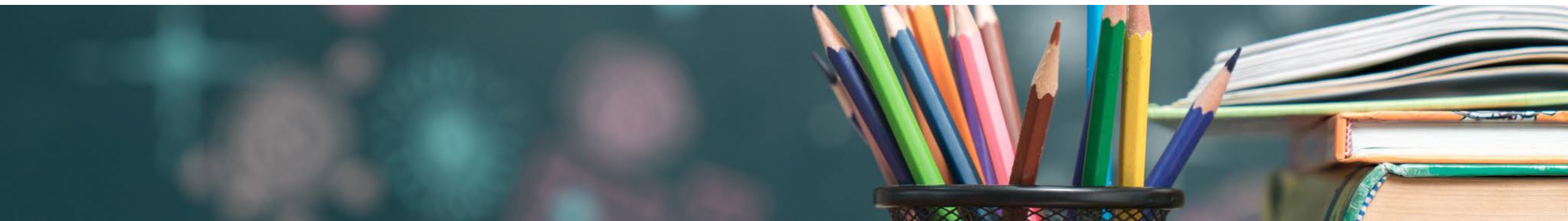




# Behavioral Health Student Services Act (formerly Mental Health Student Services Act)

Multi-year investment, system level capacity building, and partnership between county behavioral health departments and local education agencies

**Goal:** Create a supportive and inclusive environment within schools where all students feel safe, connected, and have access to the mental health resources they need



# Transforming Schools into Centers of Wellness

- The concept of “Centers of Wellness”
  - Integrating services
  - Expanding access
  - Promoting well-being
  - Reducing stigma
  - Focus on priority populations



# Legislative Foundation

- The legislative foundation for the BHSSA grant program is rooted in several key statutes and budgetary actions:
  - **Assembly Bill 74 (2019)** initially allocated \$50 million in one-time and \$10 million in ongoing local assistance funds.
  - **Senate Bill 109 (2019)** adjusted this allocation, reducing the one-time funds to \$48.83 million and reallocating \$1.17 million from ongoing funds for Commission operations.
  - **Senate Bill 129 (2021)** added \$95 million in local assistance and \$10 million for program administration.
  - **Senate Bill 115 (2021)** introduced \$100 million in federal funds to establish a statewide grant program, later reduced to \$85 million by Executive Order E-21/22-201, with \$15 million allocated for administration.
  - **Assembly Bill 178 (2022)** further amends AB 74, reducing ongoing local assistance to \$7.6 million and providing \$2.4 million for ongoing administration and \$16.6 million for evaluation.



# Final BHSSA Allocations

Local Assistance

**280 M**

87%

Administration

**25 M**

7.8%

Evaluation

**16.6 M**

5.2%



# BHSSA Overview



57 of 58 California counties are served by BHSSA, as well as the city municipalities of Berkeley and TriCity



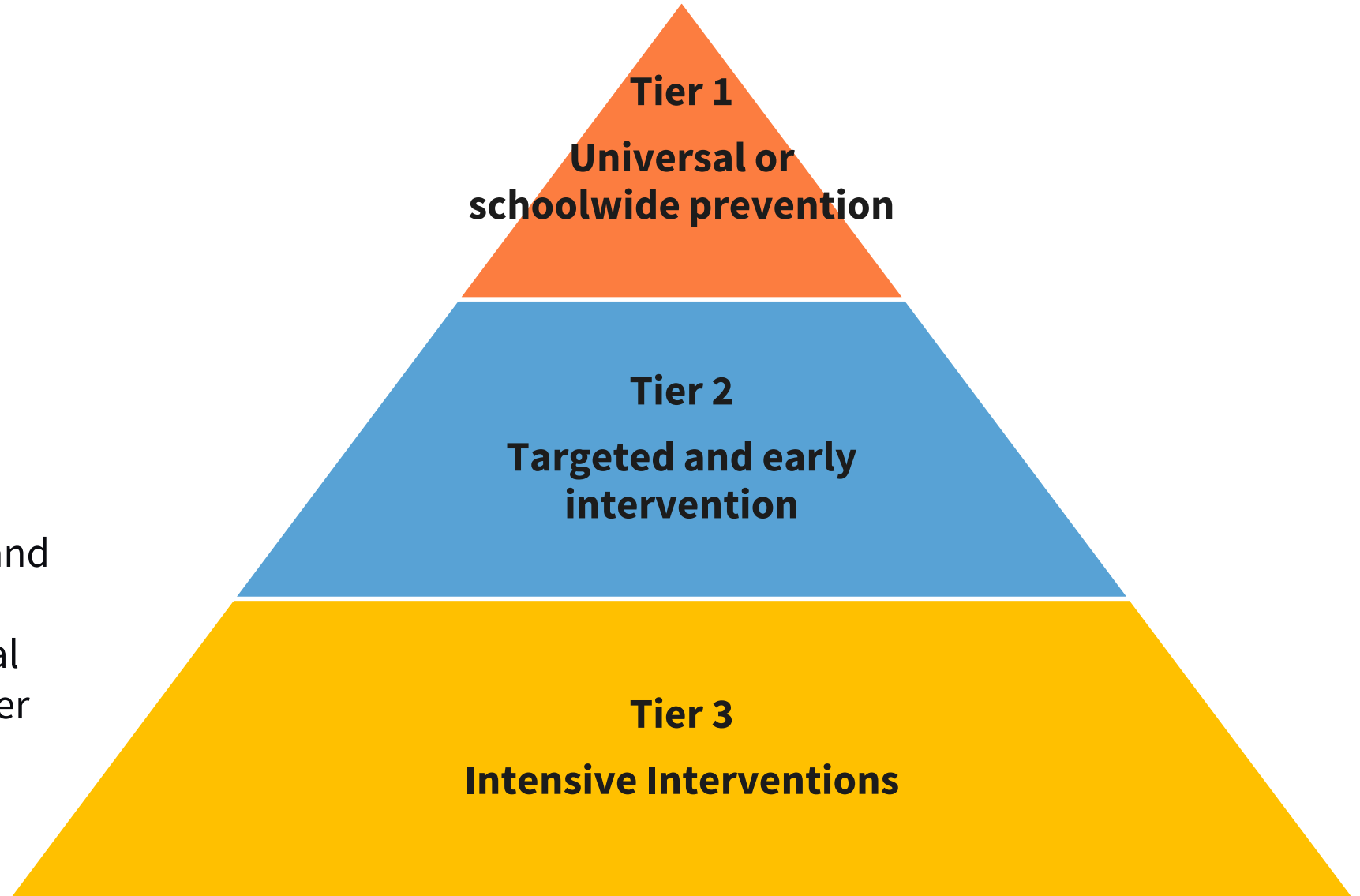
45 % of school districts and 25% of schools and charter schools, and 39 community-based organizations



# Tiered Support

**\$280 MILLION**

Invested in BHSSA to build and strengthen partnerships between county behavioral health, education, and other partners



# BHSSA Partnerships

480 staff hired by grant partners to provide direct services and support administration, partnership development, and collaboration through the BHSSA



**242,000**

Students received Tier 1 services

As of 2022-23



**12,000**

Students received Tier 2/3 services

As of 2022-23



# Providing a Continuum of Services and Supports: Tiers 1, 2, and 3



**81%**

reported plans to  
provide Tier 1 or  
universal services  
and activities



**68%**

reported plans to  
provide Tier 2 or  
targeted group  
services and activities



**98%**

reported plans to  
provide Tier 3 or  
intensive individual  
services and activities



**46%**

reported plans to  
provide crisis  
intervention services  
and activities



# Core Features of a Comprehensive School Mental Health System



# BHSSA Grant Awards

## THE COMMISSION AWARDED BHSSA GRANT FUNDING IN THREE PHASES

### Phase 1

18 partnership grants  
awarded in 2020, totaling

**\$74,849,047**

### Phase 2

19 partnership grants  
awarded in 2021, totaling

**\$77,553,078**

### Phase 3

20 partnership grants  
awarded in 2022, totaling

**\$54,910,420**

# Expansion Funding for BHSSA Grantees

- **Funding allocation:** \$47,687,455
- **Purpose:** To expand capacity, activities, and services
- **Recipients:** 41 grantees
- **Source:** Funds not awarded in previous Request for Applications



# County Grantees (By Funding Phase)

- **BHSSA Phases 1-2 Grantees (2020/2022-2026):** Amador, Calaveras, Contra Costa, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Imperial, Kern, Lake, Los Angeles, Madera, Marin, Mariposa, Mendocino, Monterey, Nevada, Orange, Placer, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter-Yuba, Tehama, Trinity-Modoc, Tulare, Tuolumne, Ventura, and Yolo Counties
- **BHSSA Phase 3 Grantees (2020-2026):** Alameda, Berkeley City, Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Inyo, Kings, Lassen, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Napa, Plumas, San Benito, San Joaquin, Sierra, Siskiyou, and Stanislaus Counties and Tri-City

# BHSSA Phase 4

\$25\* million allocated in May 2024:

- \$22,818,000 from 3 years of ongoing BHSSA funding (\$7.6 million)
- \$320,000 remaining after Phase 3
- \$1,806,796 from BHSSA Admin fund

BHSSA Phase 4 Overview	
Community Listening Sessions	Listening sessions and surveys conducted to identify needs and gaps.
Targeted Categories	<b>Four key focus areas:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Services for vulnerable or marginalized youth.</li><li>• Universal screening learning community.</li><li>• Quality improvement and sustainability.</li><li>• Additional areas identified by grant applicants.</li></ul>
Grant Awards	51 grants awarded in August 2024 across 29 counties



# BHSSA Phase 4 Grantees (2024-2027):

- **Category 1 Marginalized & Vulnerable Youth Grantees:** Alameda, Amador, Mariposa, Nevada, Orange, Riverside, Santa Cruz, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Tehama, and Trinity Counties
- **Category 2 Universal Screening Grantees:** El Dorado, Lassen, Placer, San Diego, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Siskiyou, Stanislaus, and Yolo Counties
- **Category 3 Sustainability Grantees:** Alameda, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Lassen, Madera, Marin, Mendocino, Nevada, Placer, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, Tehama, Trinity, Tuolumne, and Yolo Counties
- **Category 4 Other Priorities Grantees:** Fresno, Los Angeles, Madera, Orange, Placer, Riverside, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Siskiyou, and Trinity Counties



# BHSSA Phase 4 Overview



## **Direct Assistance for Sustainability**

Round 4 funding prioritized sustainability, providing support for a cohort of grantees, including the hiring of a quality improvement and sustainability coordinator.



## **Technical Assistance**

CBH collaborated with DHCS and CYBHI on the fee schedule, employing a Statewide Technical Assistance Coordinator for TA and capacity building.



## **Aligned Portfolio Efforts**

CBH's Universal Mental Health Screening report to the legislature included a landscape analysis of funding sources/statewide initiatives that can support this element of a comprehensive school mental health system.



## **Grant monitoring and quarterly learning collaboratives**

Statewide TA Coordinator and Technical Coaching Teams support quarterly meetings for grantees to discuss sustainability, among other topics.

# BHSSA Implementation Successes

- **The themes emerged as successes of BHSSA from the grantee perspective:**
  - BHSSA deepens partnerships at the local level
  - BHSSA expands the continuum of mental health services in schools
  - BHSSA increases awareness and destigmatizes mental health
  - BHSSA services are making a difference in the lives of students and families
  - BHSSA services engage and educate parents and caregivers





# Lessons Learned

- 1 Local BHSSA activities and services are heterogeneous and tailored to meet local needs and gaps in services
- 2 BHSSA partners have built and strengthened partnerships but need additional guidance to support local success
- 3 The need for school mental health services often exceeds local capacity
- 4 School behavioral health standards are needed in California to drive quality improvement
- 5 Alignment of California's school behavioral health initiatives is important for local success

# Recommendations



**Leadership**



**Adequate and Reliable Funding**



**Accountability**



# Next Steps for BHSSA

- Planning for \$7.6M ongoing funds for local assistance (2027)
- WestEd launched Phase 2 of evaluation—periodic updates in Program Advisory Committee meetings
- Plan to encumber remaining admin and evaluation dollars presented at October Commission meeting
- Collaborating with CDPH and DHCS on prevention and early intervention efforts, including school mental health projects



