



Behavioral Health Student Services Act: Grant, Administrative, and Evaluation Planning

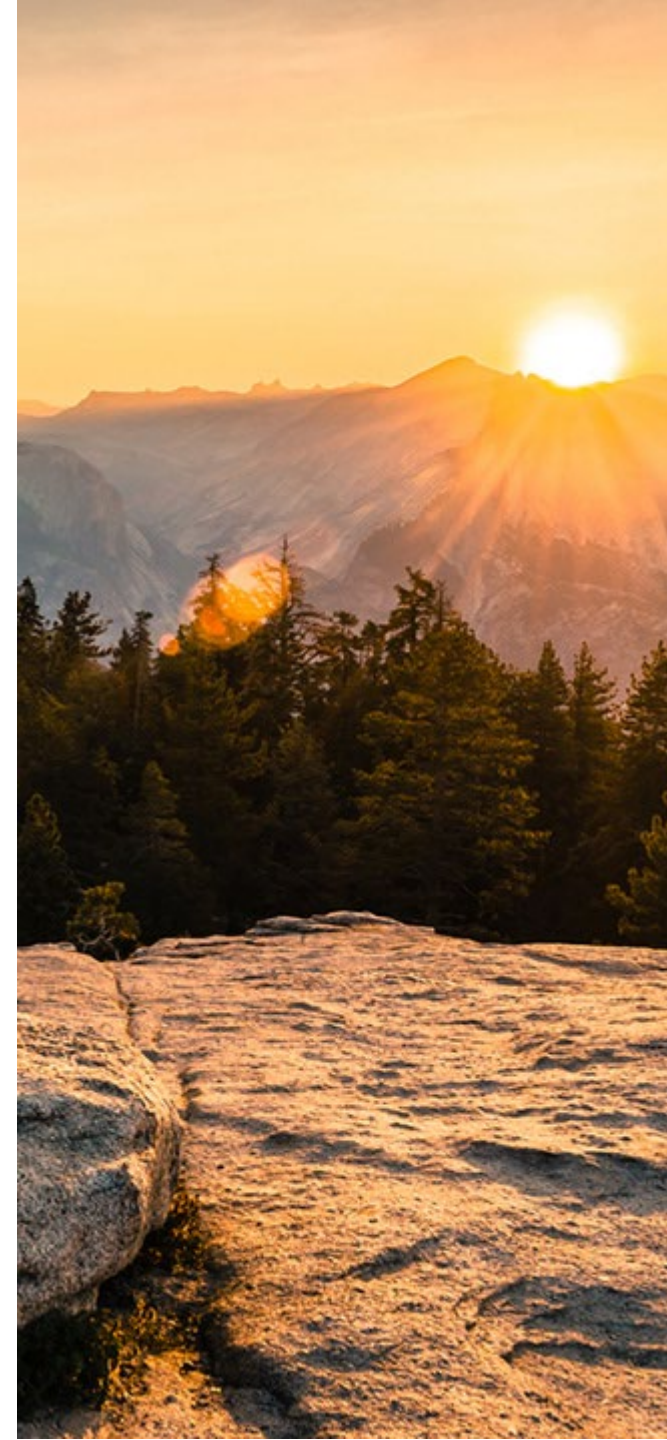
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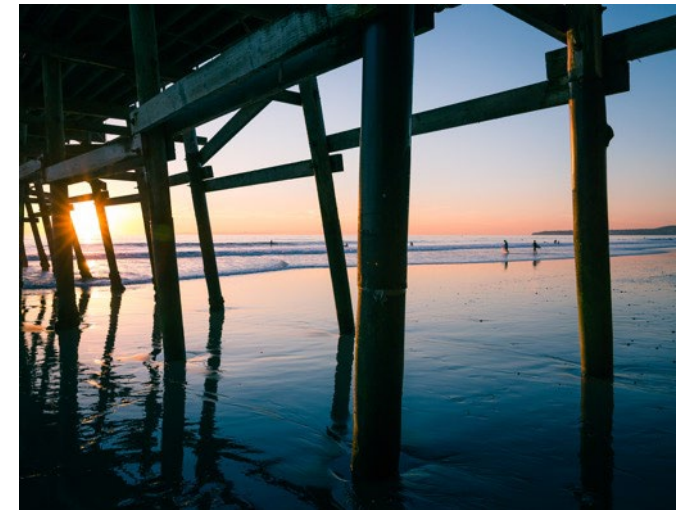
Goals

- Purpose:** To help prioritize areas for funding and approve a planning process for
- \$7.6M in ongoing BHSSA grant funds and
 - Additional one-time BHSSA administrative and evaluation funds



BHSSA Components

- ✓ Grants: \$280M to foster system change
- ✓ Technical Assistance: capacity building around key areas, including sustainability
- ✓ Evaluation and Learning



BHSSA Ongoing Appropriation and One-time Funds

Grants

- \$280 across four phases to 57 county behavioral health departments and their LEA partners.
- **In 2027, \$7.6 million in ongoing appropriation to spend on local assistance.**

Administrative Funds

- \$25 million in one-time funds- some of which has been earmarked or encumbered.
- Limited Term staffing plan recently approved to support ongoing grant monitoring (4 positions).
- **Additional funds need to be encumbered by June 30, 2026.**

Evaluation Fund

- \$16.6 million in one-time funds to support evaluation.
- A portion has been encumbered to WestEd.
- **Additional funds need to be encumbered by June 30, 2026.**

Considerations



**Aligning
BHSSA with
priority
populations of
BHSA**



**Further SUD
Integration**



**Workforce
challenges —
clinical,
licensed staff
and peers**



**Infrastructure
and capacity
building to
expand and
sustain efforts of
BHSSA funding**