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# Data Collection Update

## MHSSA Collaboration Meeting

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# Background

# Legislated requirements for the Commission

*From the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC § 5886) ...*

5886.

(k) (1) The commission shall **develop metrics and a system** to measure and publicly report on the performance outcomes of services provided using the grants.

(2) (A) The commission **shall provide a status report** to the fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature on the progress of implementation of this section no later than March 1, 2022, and provide an updated report no later than March 1, 2024. The reports shall address, at a minimum, all of the following:

...

*(iv) Numbers of, and demographic information for, the school-age children and youth served.*

*(v) Available data on outcomes, including, but not limited to, linkages to ongoing services and success in meeting the goals identified in paragraph (3) of subdivision (c).*

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# Grant Requirement

## Evaluation data will...

- “Will yield best practices for school-based mental health partnerships”
- Grantees “collect...provide access to person identified data” and ensure that “county partners grant access to the MHSOAC to all relevant person identified-level data”

(Source: Section VIII. Evaluation; RFA)

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# Value-added of individual-level data

## Facilitates data collection:

- Less effort for grantees: Don't have to collect **and** summarize data. Just **collect** and **send** data.
- Promotes more in-depth analysis for MHSOAC. Can analyze by cross-tabs instead of pre-set “buckets.” Results are more informative.
- Can link MHSSA data to existing statewide data to identify outcomes (e.g., education, employment, criminal justice)
- Can summarize and examine data across grantees to identify state-wide impact and trends.

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# Overview of data collection process

“Despite what’s happening in the world, when we come together, we have unity. Mental health, as an outcome, is bringing us together.

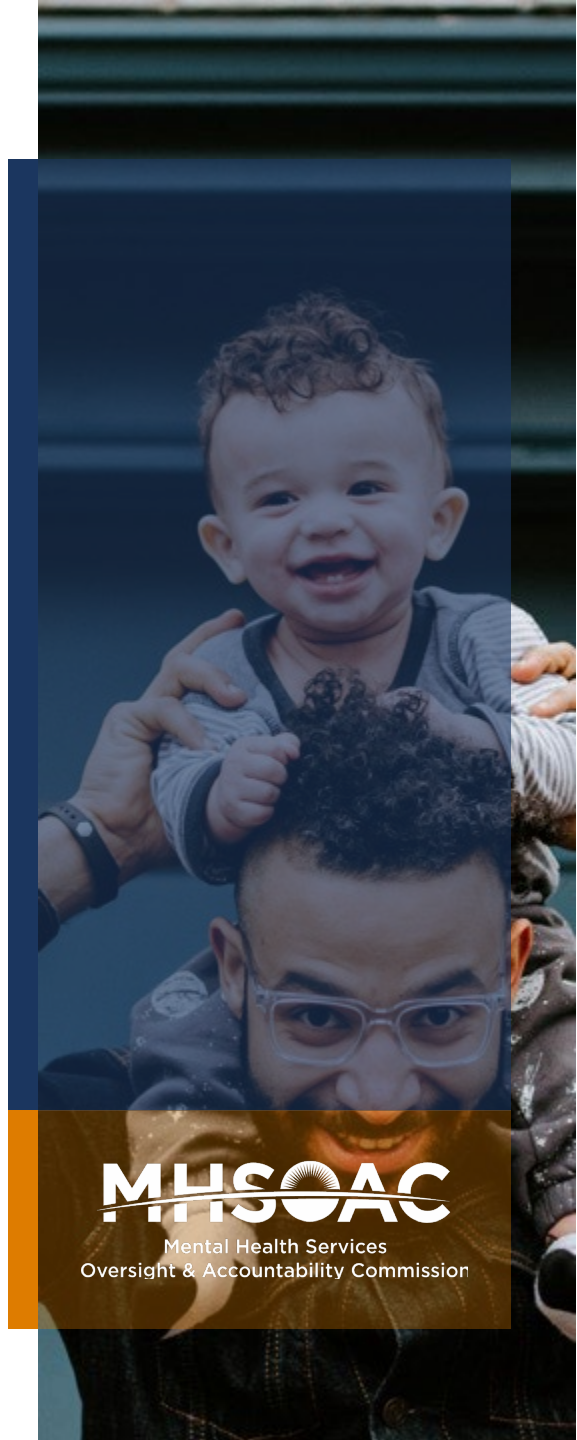
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# Data Collection Template

Data template includes request for...

- Demographic data (Name, Age, DOB, Grade, Race/Ethnicity, SSID, SSN, etc.)
- Client special population status (Homeless, Juvenile Justice System Involvement, Foster, etc.)
- Service data (Diagnoses, Referrals, Special Education Indicators: 504/IEP, etc.)



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# General process

- **Provide** us with the primary contact name for the data transfer to Latonya Harris, (Latonya.harris@mhsoac.ca.gov) and Mike Howell (mike.howell@mhsoac.ca.gov).
- Mike Howell will then send the folder/transfer information.
- **Review** detailed list of data we are requesting. Please provide us with comments or concerns if they arise when reviewing the data request.
- **Upload** data that you are collecting.
- Not necessary to de-identify data



## Key next steps

- Program Specialist will send out a follow up email with instructions and the latest data guide and instructions.
- Commission staff will arrange individual grantee meetings with you to engage in data collection discussions specific to your program around (for example):
  - Discussing data template and codebook for data uploads
  - Discussing data quality
  - Providing site folder where data can be transferred to
  - Any other grantee-specific nuances or challenges



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# Thank You

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# Questions?

For questions and comments, contact:

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the mental health care  
system in California.  
It's not just about  
doing MORE, it's about  
doing BETTER.”*

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