

# Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA)

Nevada County Superintendent of  
Schools (NCSOS)



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# Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) Background

- Competitive grant through the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) to expand mental health services in schools
- Program and application developed through close partnership with Nevada County Superintendent of Schools (NCSOS)
- NCBH awarded \$2,499,448 from September 1, 2021, to August 31, 2025; vast majority of these funds are awarded to NCSOS for programming and staffing

# Nevada County MHSSA Program

- Focuses on 8 elementary schools:
  1. Bell Hill Academy Elementary School
  2. Scotten Elementary School
  3. Deer Creek Elementary School
  4. Williams Ranch Elementary School
  5. Ready Springs Elementary School
  6. Alta Sierra Elementary School
  7. Cottage Hill Elementary School
  8. Grizzly Hill Elementary School

# Nevada County MHSSA Program

- 8 Registered Behavioral Technicians (RBTs) and 2 Board Certified Behavioral Analysts (BCBAs) hired through NCSOS and embedded at elementary schools
- Increases in-classroom behavioral support and capacity
- Strengthens connections and referral flow between school behavioral support staff and county behavioral health services
- Challenges include staffing, but overwhelmingly positive feedback from families, teachers, and school administration from pilot program year
- In the first 6 months of the MHSSA program, 29 students have been served

# Upcoming Changes

- Recently awarded \$674,602 through 2025 to:
  - Expand current program to include BCBA and RBTs at middle schools
  - Add Lead BCBA position to oversee and supervise the program including clinical supervision and data reporting requirements

# Board Request

**Approval of the renewal contract with Nevada County Superintendent of Schools (NCSOS) for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 in the maximum amount of \$593,357**