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# BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Update on HB 1040: Children's prevention and early intervention  
behavioral health services pilot project

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**SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - PILOT PROJECT - CHILDREN'S PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$150,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of establishing a children's prevention and early intervention behavioral health services pilot project in the school system of the department's choice, including services to children suffering from the effects of behavioral health issues, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019. Before September 1, 2018, the department of human services shall report to the legislative management regarding the status of the children's prevention and early intervention behavioral health services pilot project.

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## Representatives

- School administrators
- Special education
- higher education
- Department of Public Instruction
- rural and urban schools
- Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation
- Department of Human Services
- ND Council of Educational Leaders



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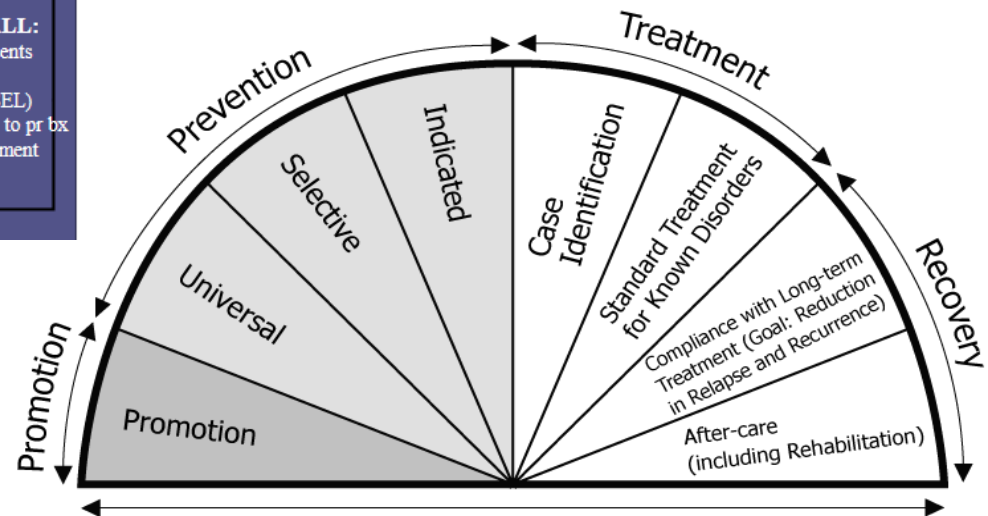
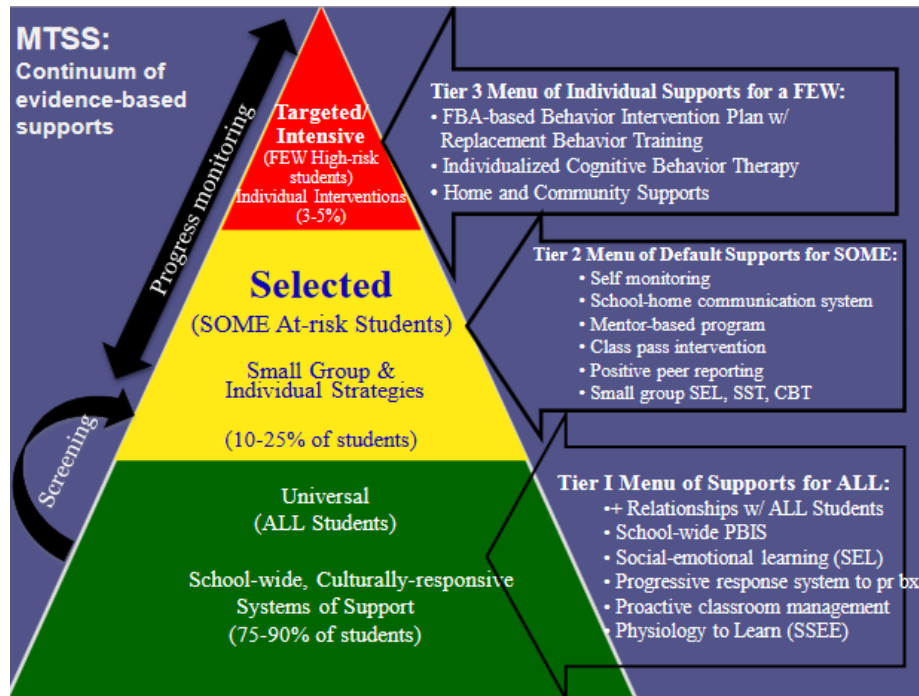
Prior to selecting a pilot, this group identified a need to develop a meaningful model that can be utilized to address schools' behavioral health needs.

### **Key Focus:**

- **Language**
- **Credentialing/workforce**
- **Goals**
- **Models**



# Multi-Tier Systems of Support (MTSS) and the Behavioral Health Continuum of Care



# General Summary of Identified Needs

- Improved training and resources for schools and behavioral health professionals overall – language and certifications do not always align.
- Increased utilization of screening/early intervention services, especially EPSDT.
- Improved access to clinical services when needed both within the school and externally when appropriate.
- Recovery support especially during transitions back into the school from out of home services.

# Next Steps

- Department of Human Services is releasing an Invitation to Apply (ITA) for the \$150,000 appropriated in HB 1040:
  - **Elementary or Middle school** in North Dakota demonstrating the following:
    - **Leadership support**
    - **School culture supportive of behavioral health**
    - **Implementation of Prevention and Early Intervention efforts**
    - **Multi-Tier Systems of Support (MTSS) Implementation.**
    - **Readiness to take action.**
    - **Sustainability plans.**

*\*To be funded, a project must align with established behavioral health system values (i.e. person-centered; trauma-informed; recovery-focused).*

# Next Steps

Recommendations from the school pilot group have been provided to the Children's Behavioral Health Task Force for consideration of recommendations to the Governor and Legislature.



# OPPORTUNITIES



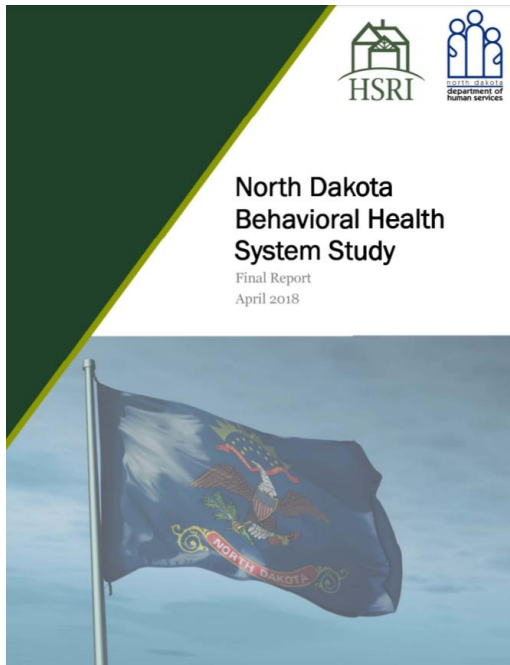
There are great successes occurring every day in ND schools.

## **Opportunities:**

- Support these efforts already underway with resources to evaluate their programs and measure success.
- Support opportunities for schools demonstrating successes to provide technical assistance to other North Dakota schools.

# North Dakota Behavioral Health System Study

Recommendation: *Enhance and streamline system of care for children and youth*



“Based on available claims data, only 5% of all services of any type for persons under age 18 were delivered in a school-based setting, and 0.1% of youth substance use disorder treatment services were delivered in school settings during FY 2017.”

Source: North Dakota Medicaid claims and enrollment data extracted October 2017. HSC event and demographics data extracted January 2018 from the ROAP system.