



PUBLIC SECTOR SERVICES

Investing in Mental Health: The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act



Behavioral Health

State and local governments face an **unprecedented mental health crisis**. The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, in addition to addressing gun safety, also **includes major new funding opportunities in excess of \$2 billion** that state and local governments can leverage to **expand access to and the quality of mental health services**. These provisions have the potential to dramatically accelerate state and local efforts to improve behavioral health care.

School-Based Mental Health Care - \$1.2 Billion

The BSCA provides \$1.2 billion in funding to implement new programs and to enhance or expand access to existing mental health services in school-based settings, including:

- \$500 million to increase the number of qualified mental health service providers via the School-Based Mental Health Services Grants
- \$500 million for Mental Health Services Professional Demonstration Grants
- \$50 million in grants to states to implement, enhance or expand the provision of CHIP and Medicaid services in schools

General Mental Health Care - \$940 Million

The BSCA also appropriates \$940 million to support ongoing investment in general mental health services. This includes the provision of an additional \$250 million for the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant program, \$80 million in grants to support pediatric primary care providers, \$60 million for mental health training for primary care clinicians and an additional \$550 million for other critical SAMHSA programs such as the National Child Traumatic Stress Network, Project AWARE, mental health awareness training and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics - \$40 Million

The BSCA includes \$40 million in technical assistance funds to expand the existing Medicaid Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) demonstration program to include all 50 states. **This is a major step forward.**

How A&M Can Help

- **Assess operational challenges** to service delivery and develop cost-effective, scalable solutions
- **Assess ongoing mental health service delivery** models and develop enhancements
- **Identify areas for the growth and expansion** of mental health services
- **Design and implement new and innovative mental health programs**, models and services
- **Project manage** complex implementations and waiver or SPA application and amendment processes
- **Maximize strategies to secure and ensure the impact** of federal funds

Total Funding Opportunity: \$2.2 Billion

School-Based Mental Health Care – \$1.2 Billion

Item	Amount
CHIP & Medicaid	\$50 Million
Technical Assistance Center	\$8 Million
Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Grants*	\$155 Million
School-Based Mental Health Services Grants	\$500 Million
Mental Health Services Professional Demonstration Grants	\$500 Million

* \$31 Million each year from FY23-FY27

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) – \$40 Million

Item	Amount
Technical Assistance Funds^	\$40 Million

^ to support **expansion of CCBHC program to all 50 states**

General Mental Health Care – \$940 Million

Item	Amount
Mental Health Services Block Grants	\$250 Million
National Child Traumatic Stress Network	\$40 Million
Project AWARE	\$240 Million
Mental Health Awareness Training	\$120 Million
Suicide Prevention Lifeline	\$150 Million
Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund (Behavioral Health & Pediatric Mental Health Care)	\$140 Million

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