

Behavioral Health in Schools (BHS) seeks to improve well-being among students with mental health concerns. Through a **partnership with community-based mental health agencies**, **BHS enhances the school's existing system of mental health supports**. BHS is based on a culturally responsive, trauma-informed, data-driven, and family-based approach. BHS focuses on addressing the unmet mental health needs of students and their families. The program integrates a mental health clinician (half-time/20 hrs per week) who actively collaborates with the Student Services team and provides individual treatment to students who are unable to access community-based mental health care. The BHS provider improves the school's capacity for addressing mental health concerns through direct service, consultation, teaming, and collaboration. The program is currently running in eight schools: Allis, Glendale, Leopold, Mendota, Nuestro Mundo, Schenk, Black Hawk, & Sennett.

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