

School-Based Mental Health Services for Children in Early Education **Project Information and Invitation to Participate**

We invite you to participate in a new project to improve school-based mental health services for elementary school children.

The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) is launching its “School-Based Mental Health Services for Children in Early Education” project by hosting the first subcommittee workgroup meeting to identify and discuss the individual and school-based challenges to identifying and treating young children with mental health needs.

PLEASE HELP US BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS FIRST PROJECT MEETING

Tuesday, December 6, 2016
12:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Greater Sacramento Urban League
3725 Marysville Blvd.
Sacramento, California

California’s Mental Health Services Act (MHSA or Proposition 63) calls for addressing mental health needs to reduce “school failure or dropout.” In response, the MHSOAC is developing and implementing a project with a focus on improving mental health services for children in elementary school. The chair of the project subcommittee is MHSOAC Commissioner and Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools, David W. Gordon. The goals of the project are to:

- Improve mental health outcomes
- Increase academic success
- Reduce inappropriate referrals and placement to special education among children in elementary education

The project will also focus on diverse communities and disparities in mental health needs and special education placements.

An extremely important aspect of this project is public discussion and input. The experiences, perspectives, and observations of general and special education teachers, mental health providers, researchers, those with lived experiences, and other stakeholders are vital to making this project a success.

Subsequent meetings will explore solutions and how these solutions could best be implemented.

Please RSVP for the subcommittee workgroup meeting by December 1st.

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