

FY 2021

School-Based Mental Health Services Grant Program Abstract

Hawaii State Department of Education (HI) overall goal is to improve ratios of qualified/licensed mental health service providers to meet mental, social emotional and behavioral needs of public-school students in targeted Complexes on Oahu, Hawaii Island, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, and Kauai. This will be accomplished by increasing the number of qualified school-based mental health service providers in LEAs with demonstrated need and the respecialization of existing mental health service providers to qualify them for work in LEAs with demonstrated needs. Over the next 5 years, HIDOE intends to recruit school based mental health service providers and retain existing school-based mental health service providers in targeted communities that are served by Complex Areas (HIDOE is both the SEA and LEA) designated as rural.