

Behavioral Health in Schools Initiative

General Information for the Community

1. How do I get behavioral health services for my student/at my school?

Each school has unique relationships with behavioral health providers in their area. Some schools allow services to be provided on campus; other schools refer students off campus. Speak with your school nurse or principal on how to connect your student with services.

2. How are behavioral health services in schools paid for? What if my child doesn't have Medicaid?

Students who are eligible for AHCCCS may receive behavioral health services from providers in the community. These providers may also accept private insurance and/or offer a sliding fee scale.

3. What is the Mental Health Block Grant and how do I know if my child is covered for services?

The Mental Health Block Grant is a federal grant that funds behavioral health services for children and adults. To be covered by this grant, a child must be determined to be Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED). These grant dollars pay for services for children who are not otherwise eligible for AHCCCS services.

4. What services are covered?

Here is a complete list of behavioral health services that are covered. (The list does not include physical health services, such as eye exams.)

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/Initiatives/BehavioralHealthServices/>

5. Does my student need an individualized education plan to qualify for behavioral health services in schools?

No.

6. My child attends school on tribal lands. Can he/she receive these services?

Not at this time. AHCCCS is working with Tribal Regional Behavioral Health Authorities to determine whether these services can be offered in the future.

7. My child is a foster child. Does he/she qualify for these services?

Yes. Children in state foster care in Arizona receive health care through the Comprehensive Medical and Dental Program (CMDP) and would qualify for these services until age 21.

8. My child is adopted and I receive a state subsidy. Does my child qualify for these services?

Yes. Children whose guardian receives a state subsidy qualify for these services until age 18.

9. Does my child have to go through testing in order to qualify for behavioral health services in school?

No.