

Presentation
to
Leverage Telehealth and Telemedicine
Legislative Task Force
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Project AWARE: Background

- Youth mental health/behavioral issues interfere with student learning
- Societal issue, broader than schools; need to engage parents and communities

Project AWARE:

Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education

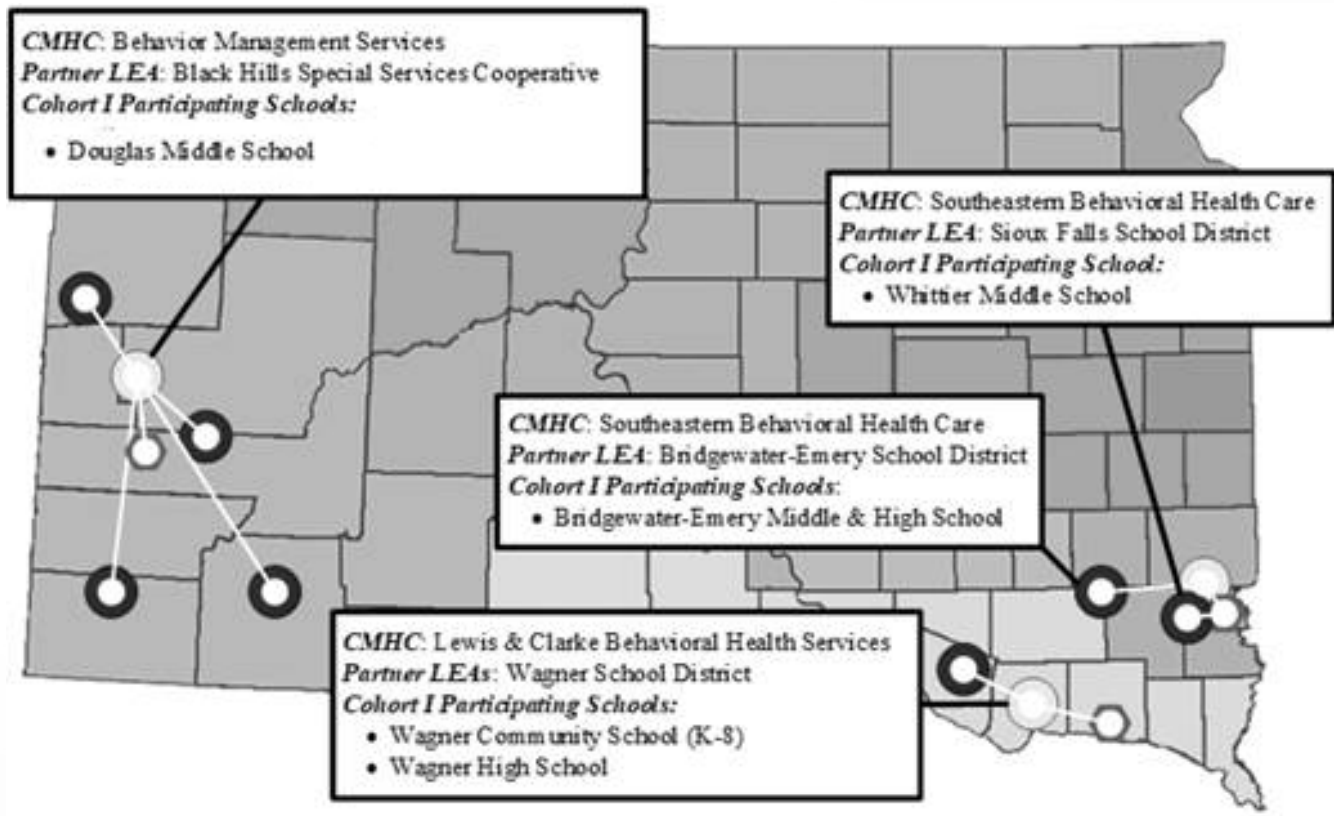
- Grant to DOE from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- Grant requires primary support of three local education agencies (LEAs) – school districts. Current grant allows for fourth LEA to include educational cooperative’s member district.
- Five-year, \$8.7 million grant; started September 2018
- Primary partner: South Dakota Department of Social Services – Behavior Health Division

Project AWARE: Goals

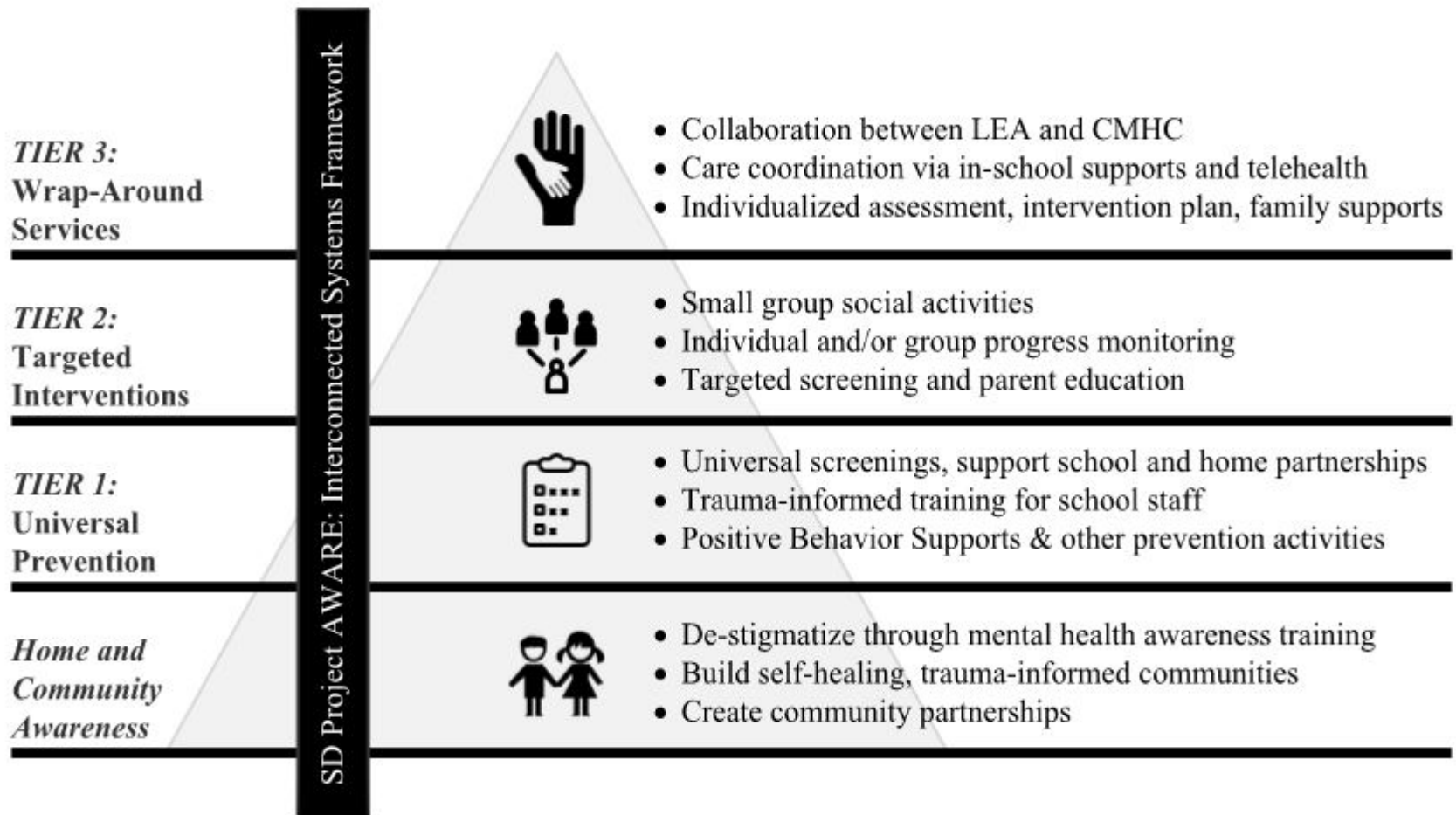
- Increase and improve access to mental health services for school-aged youth across South Dakota through partnerships with school districts, educational cooperatives, and community mental health centers
- Equip educational professionals with the tools necessary to recognize and respond to behavioral health issues among their students through multi-tiered systems of support
- Conduct outreach and engagement with school aged-youth and their families to promote positive mental health and increase awareness of mental health issues
- Help youth develop skills that promote resilience, destigmatize mental health, and increase self- and peer awareness of mental health issues

All four goals begun in year one.

Project AWARE- SEA: Cohort 1 Partners



Project AWARE: Strategy & Implementation



Project AWARE: Timeline

- December 2018: School agreements in place for cohort one group
- February - April 2019:
 - 4 Community Project AWARE Managers hired
 - 4 CMHC Systems of Care Coordinators hired
- Year 1 of grant: Emphasis of home and community awareness, tiers 1, 2 and 3 development.
- Year 2 of grant: Continue year one work with building partnerships and evaluating efforts
- Years 3-5 of grant: Plan for sustainability

Project AWARE: Required Indicators

- Six federally required performance indicators
 - # of people in mental health and related workforce trained in mental health-related practices/activities that are consistent with the goals of the grant
Year to date: 481 adults
 - # of individuals who have received training in prevention or mental health promotion
Year to date: 3,817 students
 - # of organizations that entered into a formal written inter/intra-organizational agreements to improve mental health-related practices/activities that are consistent with the goals of the grant
Year to date: 14
 - # of policy changes completed as a result of the grant
Year to date: 0

Project AWARE: Required Indicators

- Six federally required performance indicators (cont.)
 - # and % of school aged youth receiving school-based screening for need for mental health services after referral in each LEA along with the specific services received
Annual: Due December 2019
 - # and % of school aged youth receiving school or community based mental health or related services after referral in each LEA along with specific services received
Annual: Due December 2019

Year One Partnerships:

- ✓ School districts
- ✓ Educational cooperative
- ✓ Community mental health centers
- ✓ Interagency
- ✓ Mental health awareness and prevention providers

Year Two Partnerships:

- ✓ Strengthen year one partnerships
- ✓ Bring more family, communities, education and behavior health stakeholders to the grant evaluation process
- ✓ Explore access support – telehealth