

Financing School Mental Health Programs and Services

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HEROES

- Johnson City Schools, a public school system that includes 10 schools serving 7,230 students in grades Pre-K through 12th
- Frontier Health, a private not-for-profit mental and behavioral health agency that serves as the mental health authority for Northeast Tennessee. Frontier Health has served as the mental health partner on three previous Safe Schools/Healthy Students grants in Tennessee
- Johnson City Police Department, the local law enforcement agency
- Johnson City Juvenile Court, the court that serves children and youth in Johnson City

Number of Services

- During the first full year of the HEROES Initiative (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010) the unduplicated number of students served by all the programs was 1419. This represents 19.17% of the total student enrollment for the 2010 school year. The youngest student served was 2 and the oldest was 19. The grade level of students served ranged from 37 students in pre-kindergarten up to 96 students in grade 12.

JCSD Information

- 7230 students PK-12
- 11 schools- 8 elementary; 1 middle school; 1 high; 1 ALC
- 50.1% Free and Reduced Lunch
- 80.5% White and 19.5% Minority Enrollment
- 11.4% African American
- 5.7% Hispanic
- 2.3% Asian/Pacific Islander

**Johnson City
Safe
Schools/Healthy
Students
Integrated
Mental Health
Services**

Crisis Care

Public/Private
Mental Health
Clinicians

- JCSD Emergency Response Team
- Frontier Health/Youth Villages

Mental Health Treatment

(Individual &
Family
Counseling)

- Frontier Health
- Juvenile Diversion Programs

Selective Prevention

(Screening, Monitoring,
& Brief Intervention)

- Student Assistance Program Therapists – Screening and Referrals to Community and School Mental Health Programs
- Juvenile Justice – Parenting Wisely Classes (Parents)
- Juvenile Justice – Intensive Probation Officer, Case Management

Universal Prevention

(Education, Skill-Building, &
Wellness Programs)

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- Mentoring
- Student Support Teacher ITMS
- Alternative School – Employability Coach, Social Worker and Strengthening Families

- School Sports, Youth Development Programs
- School Assistance Teams
- Evidence-Based Programming: I-Care; TGFD; Project Alert; Al's Pals; Early Childhood Home Visiting Program

Mental Health Foundation and Maintenance

(School Resources and Supports for
Healthy Development)

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- Guidance Counselors
- Parent Involvement
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Our Plan For Sustainability

- Local funding (SRO's, probation officer, school personnel)
- Grant opportunities
- Mental health funding

Frontier Health

- **Project BASIC**
- Intervention specialists
- PreK-3
- I CARE curriculum (10-14 classes)
- School wide climate enhancement

School-based case management

- Tennessee reimburses for case management through TennCare.
- Provides service planning in conjunction with therapy
- Community resource linkage (bus passes, free laundry etc...)
- School liaison services to improve consistency between home and school
- Medication management
- Parenting skills

School-based case management

- Therapy and doctor contact
- School intervention as needed(to assist with behavior plans etc..)
- Group work with school based therapists
- School support and monitoring
- Crisis intervention
- Community outreach advocacy for client and family
(housing authority, TennCare assistance)

Current Case Management

- **Woodland 8 (2)**
 - South Side 5
 - **Cherokee 5 (3)**
 - Mountain View 8
 - Town Acres 0
 - Lake Ridge 2
 - **North Side 6 (7)**
 - Fairmont 6
- Science Hill 10
Indian Trail 10
ALC 8

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