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**WASHTENAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH (WCCMH)  
MILLAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAC) MEETING  
AGENDA**

**\*\*\* In-Person at the Learning Resource Center-Michigan  
Room**

**4135 Washtenaw Ave, Ann Arbor  
or you may attend virtually at**

**<https://zoom.us/j/97345365913>**

**August 10, 2026**

**3:30-5:00 pm**

- I. Roll Call (5 minutes)
- II. Introductions (5 minutes)
- III. Audience Participation (see guidelines below) (5 minutes)
- IV. Committee Response to Audience Participation (5 minutes)
- V. Millage Advisory Committee minutes (5 minutes)
  - Millage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from 6/8/26 (Attachment #1) **ACTION**
- VI. Discussion Items (10 minutes)
  - Millage Process, Investments, and Progress Update **L. Gentz/T. Cortes**
- VII. Financial Budget Update (15 minutes)
  - Financial Budget Update (Attachment #2) **N. Phelps**
- VIII. Old Business (10 minutes)
  - None
- IX. New Business (25 minutes)
  - Packard (KnewJoy) Healing Brothers United (Attachment #3)- **S. Jones, B.Bond, J. Williams, J. Harper, M. Hearn, G. Shepard, K. Simpson**
  - WISD Program Updates (Attachment #4a & 4b)- **S. Novara**
  - Millage RFP Update- **L.Gentz**
- X. Items for Future Discussions (5 minutes)
  - Millage Investment Plan
  - Washtenaw Coordinated Funding Partnership Update
  - CHRT gaps analysis
- XI. Adjournment (Next Millage Advisory Committee Meeting: October 5, 2026)

**Audience Participation Guidelines:**

- Three (3) minutes are allowed per speaker
- Speakers are asked to bring a copy of their concerns/comments in writing
- Resolutions on issues will be brought to the appropriate committee as necessary



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**WASHTENAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AGENCY (WCCMH)  
WCCMH MILLAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES *DRAFT***

**June 8, 2026**

**Learning Resource Center-Michigan Room (in person)**

**<https://zoom.us/j/97618604302> (virtual)**

**3:30–5:00 pm**

A. Sommerville called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

ROLL CALL: H. Heaviland attending in person  
B. Higman attending in person  
M. Radzik attending in person  
R. Rion attending in person  
A. Rooks attending in person  
A. Somerville attending in person  
G. Waddles, Jr attending in person

MEMBERS ABSENT: A. Carlisle, A. Dusbiber, S. Petty, M. Udow-Phillips

STAFF PRESENT: L Gentz, M. Harding, N. Phelps, R. Dornbos, T. Florence, M. Tasker

OTHERS PRESENT: L. Lutomski, M. Creekmore

- I. Introductions
  - None
- II. Audience Participation
  - None
- III. Committee Response to Audience Participation
  - None.
- IV. Millage Advisory Committee Minutes and Actions from 4/13/26 (Attachment #1)
  - Millage Advisory Committee Minutes and Actions from 4/13/26, were reviewed.

**MOTION BY G. WADDLES JR., SUPPORTED BY H. HEAVILAND TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM THE APRIL 13, 2026, MILLAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AS PRESENTED.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

|             |             |               |             |
|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| DUSBIBER    | NOT PRESENT | CARLISLE      | NOT PRESENT |
| HEAVILAND   | Y           | HIGMAN        | Y           |
| PETTY       | NOT PRESENT | RADZIK        | Y           |
| RION        | Y           | ROOKS         | Y           |
| SOMERVILLE  | Y           | UDOW-PHILLIPS | NOT PRESENT |
| WADDLES JR. | Y           |               |             |

**MOTION CARRIED**

- V. Discussion Items
  - Millage Process, Investments and Progress Update

- L. Gentz provided the Millage Process, Investments and Progress Update to the Committee.
- Millage Dashboard (Attachment #2)
  - M. Tasker presented the Millage Dashboard to the Committee.

VI. Financial Budget Update

- Financial Budget Update (Attachment #3)
  - N. Phelps presented the Millage Budget Update through April 30, 2026, to the Committee.

VII. Old Business

- None

VIII. New Business –

- Ann Arbor Co-Response Update
  - M. Tasker provided an update on the Ann Arbor Co-Response program to the Committee.
- Crisis System
  - CRU Expansion
    - M. Tasker provided an update on the CRU expansion to the Committee.
  - 911 / Dispatch
    - M. Tasker provided an update on the 911 / Dispatch to the Committee.
  - Crisis System Education
    - M. Tasker provided updates on Crisis System Education to the Committee.
- LEADD Updates
  - L. Gentz provided updates on the LEADD program to the Committee.

IX. Items for Future Discussions

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**MOTION BY A. ROOKS, SUPPORTED BY H. HEAVILAND TO ADJOURN THE WCCMH MILLAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:49 pm.

Washtenaw County Community Mental Health - Millage Advisory Committee  
Millage Financial Update - For Six Months Ending June 30, 2026

| Budget to Actuals                                  |                     |                     |                     |                                           |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|                                                    | Annual Budget       | Budget YTD          | Actuals YTD         | Actuals YTD<br>Over/(Under)<br>Budget YTD |
| <b>Community Wide Service Expansion</b>            |                     |                     |                     |                                           |
| <u>CARES Team</u>                                  |                     |                     |                     |                                           |
| Access & Triage                                    | \$ 734,400          | \$ 367,200          | \$ 378,022          | \$ 10,822                                 |
| Treatment & Stabilization Services                 | 836,400             | 418,200             | 409,753             | (8,447)                                   |
| Crisis Response                                    | 877,200             | 438,600             | 439,008             | 408                                       |
| Other CARES Team                                   | 459,000             | 229,500             | 205,875             | (23,625)                                  |
| <u>Criminal Justice Diversion &amp; Deflection</u> |                     |                     |                     |                                           |
| Jail Medical Assisted Treatment                    | \$ 400,000          | \$ 200,000          | \$ 135,000          | \$ (65,000)                               |
| Prosecuting Attorney Office                        | 155,000             | 77,500              | 81,585              | 4,085                                     |
| <u>Supportive Housing</u>                          |                     |                     |                     |                                           |
| Avalon - Permanent Supportive Housing              | \$ 438,362          | \$ 219,181          | \$ 219,181          | \$ -                                      |
| Michigan Ability Partners                          | 259,106             | 129,553             | 129,553             | -                                         |
| Ozone                                              | 246,551             | 123,276             | 123,276             | -                                         |
| Alpha House                                        | 96,700              | 48,350              | 48,350              | -                                         |
| Shelter Association of MI                          | 85,443              | 42,722              | 42,722              | -                                         |
| Ypsilanti Housing Commission                       | 70,000              | 35,000              | 35,000              | -                                         |
| Emergency Housing                                  | 250,000             | 125,000             | 93,195              | (31,805)                                  |
| <u>Youth Initiatives and Support</u>               |                     |                     |                     |                                           |
| Washtenaw Intermediate School District             | \$ 1,088,525        | \$ 544,263          | \$ 544,263          | \$ -                                      |
| Student Advocacy Center                            | 576,434             | 288,217             | 288,217             | -                                         |
| Packard Health - YBMen                             | 230,677             | 115,339             | 115,339             | -                                         |
| Washtenaw Area Council for Children                | 87,542              | 43,771              | 43,771              | -                                         |
| All Other Youth Initiatives and Support            | 250,000             | 125,000             | 87,320              | (37,680)                                  |
| <u>Other Service Expansion</u>                     |                     |                     |                     |                                           |
| Washtenaw Health Plan                              | \$ 432,518          | \$ 216,259          | \$ 216,259          | \$ -                                      |
| Jewish Family Services                             | 385,642             | 192,821             | 192,821             | -                                         |
| Health Dept - Healthy Neighborhoods                | 268,027             | 134,014             | 134,014             | -                                         |
| Ypsilanti District Library                         | 186,266             | 93,133              | 93,133              | -                                         |
| Women's Center of Southeastern MI                  | 83,421              | 41,711              | 41,711              | -                                         |
| All Other Service Expansion                        | 500,000             | 250,000             | 228,700             | (21,300)                                  |
| <b>TOTAL Community Wide Service Expansion</b>      | <b>\$ 8,997,214</b> | <b>\$ 4,498,607</b> | <b>\$ 4,326,065</b> | <b>\$ (172,542)</b>                       |

| Budget to Actuals                     |                      |                     |                     |                                           |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|                                       | Annual Budget        | Budget YTD          | Actuals YTD         | Actuals YTD<br>Over/(Under)<br>Budget YTD |
| <b>Education &amp; Prevention</b>     |                      |                     |                     |                                           |
| Health Dept - Anti Stigma Campaign    | \$ 278,199           | \$ 139,100          | \$ 139,100          | \$ -                                      |
| NAMI Contract                         | 189,223              | 94,612              | 94,612              | -                                         |
| Miles Jeffery Roberts Foundation      | 105,202              | 52,601              | 52,601              | -                                         |
| Issue Media Group                     | 24,800               | 12,400              | 12,400              | -                                         |
| TOTAL Education & Prevention          | \$ 597,424           | \$ 298,712          | \$ 298,712          | \$ -                                      |
| <b>Evaluation &amp; Communication</b> |                      |                     |                     |                                           |
| CHRT Contract                         | \$ 196,360           | \$ 98,180           | \$ 67,593           | \$ (30,587)                               |
| TOTAL Evaluation & Communication      | \$ 196,360           | \$ 98,180           | \$ 67,593           | \$ (30,587)                               |
| <b>Administration of the Millage</b>  |                      |                     |                     |                                           |
| WCCMH                                 | \$ 780,000           | \$ 390,000          | \$ 391,702          | \$ 1,702                                  |
| 5 Healthy Towns (Planning)            | 60,742               | 30,371              | 30,371              | -                                         |
| National Assessment Center            | 20,660               | 10,330              | 10,330              | -                                         |
| TOTAL Administration of the Millage   | \$ 861,402           | \$ 430,701          | \$ 432,403          | \$ 1,702                                  |
| <b>Grand Totals</b>                   | <b>\$ 10,652,400</b> | <b>\$ 5,326,200</b> | <b>\$ 5,124,773</b> | <b>\$ (201,427)</b>                       |



## Program Overview: Advancing Our Mission

# The HBU Approach

HBU is a community-based initiative that aims to address the unique mental health challenges Black men and boys face in Washtenaw County, Michigan.

This program seeks to empower individuals within the Washtenaw County community to serve as advocates and resources for holistic mental health awareness and support.

By engaging Black men and boys as ambassadors, the program aims to foster a culture of open dialogue, reduce stigma surrounding mental health issues, and increase access to tailored resources and support networks.

# How We Make An Impact

- **Conducting** outreach to the community to raise awareness about mental Health
- **Facilitating** workshops, seminars, or groups on mental health and well-being topics
- **Providing** professional clinical consultation services conducted by a licensed behavioral health therapist
- **Advocating** for equitable access to mental health resources and services in the community
- **Building community partnerships** by collaborating with local organizations to strengthen the responsiveness and coordination of their services

# Current HBU Team



# Key Collaborators

**KNEWjoy** provides training for future Mental Health Ambassadors and delivers supplemental training as needed.

**Emergence Collective** evaluates program outcomes, defines success metrics, and develops strategies to support long-term program sustainability.



# Key Performance Metrics

The HBU evaluation framework tracks key implementation metrics across multiple outreach categories, including media visibility, social media engagement, community outreach encounters, facilitated discussions, and unique contacts receiving HBU program or mental health resource information. The following metrics highlight program reach, engagement, and overall impact across these combined efforts.

| Type of contact             | Output | Examples                                                                                                                         |
|-----------------------------|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Visibility:<br>Mass media   | 3      | Mentions of the HBU program in print media or through radio or TV broadcast                                                      |
| Visibility:<br>Social media | 12     | Facebook, LinkedIn, or Instagram post                                                                                            |
| Community engagement        | 26     | Connections made with representatives from local businesses, community organizations, schools, churches, or government entities. |
| Facilitated talks           | 8      | Structured talks, presentations, or facilitated conversations with community members and leaders                                 |
| Therapy referrals           | 8      | Direct referrals for therapy                                                                                                     |



This number reflects the total number of individuals reached through combined outreach efforts.

#### Type of audience or sector outreach efforts targeted



# Building Partnerships

- Washtenaw My Brothers Keeper (WMBK)
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
- Ann Arbor NAACP
- Scarlett Middle School
- Lincoln Middle School
- Community Leadership Revolution (CLR)
- Cherisa Allen - MSW
  - Ypsilanti Schools Community Liaison
- Gabriel Johnson - MPH, PhD, Assistant Professor at Michigan State University
  - **Expertise:** Masculinities and health, Community Engaged Research

# Building Partnerships

- Fresh Start Clubhouse
- Acts of Change Network - Peacenic Community Roundtable
- TEDxYpsilanti - Tony Smith
- University of Michigan Black Undergraduate Psychological Association (BUPA)
- The Mankind Project
- The Association for Children's Mental Health
- Washtenaw County Circuit Court - Katherine O'Grady - Juvenile Division Director
- Aaron Suganuma, Peer to Peer, Program Coordinator, Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office

# What's Next

- Onboarding new members to the team
- Continue developing [website](#)/social media presence
- Continue networking and identifying opportunities to collaborate with other local organizations
- Developing a mentorship model and curriculum for middle and high school students

# High Fidelity Wraparound

# What is High Fidelity Wraparound?



## In our first year....

- Onboarded two wraparound specialists and one facilitator
- Offered Wraparound 101 training in October to 30+ community partners, including WCCMH 4 Youth and Family wraparound facilitators
- Began strengthening partnership and collaboration efforts through Washtenaw Wraparound Warriors meetings
- Currently partnering with 18 families throughout the county
  - 6 shared families with WCCMH



# The power of collaboration

Following the October training, WCCMH Youth and Family, Corner Health, and WISD have met 6 times to strengthen our partnerships, share resources, and discuss opportunities for ongoing professional development.

# Washtenaw Wraparound Warrior Shared Vision

We are a team who is committed to serving, supporting, and building youth, families and community, reflecting strength-based principles of wraparound.

We know that when young people and families feel valued, it empowers them to grow and thrive.

To best support the young people and families we work with, we will be intentional about centering their needs and amplifying their voice and choice, consistently.

We will stay aligned with our mission by meeting regularly, reviewing data, sharing resources, creating a professional learning community space, and adjust according to need. We will remind each other that we are here to focus on family strengths, prioritize needs, connect formal and natural supports and unify community.

This is how we will help our team stay strong, focused, and true to the work.

# Things to look forward to...

- WISD will be adding an additional wraparound facilitator to our team with a focus on partnering with families struggling with attendance/chronic absenteeism.
- A second offering of an in-person wraparound 101 training in the late fall
- Data collection and analyzing to ensure high fidelity to the model and continuous quality improvement efforts.
- Continued Washtenaw Wraparound Warriors meetings, with offered skill development opportunities informed by observed trends in data.
- WCCMH Wraparound Supervisor in the process of being trained in HiFi wraparound and potential for coaching certification

# Questions?

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# Thank you!

# MENTAL HEALTH

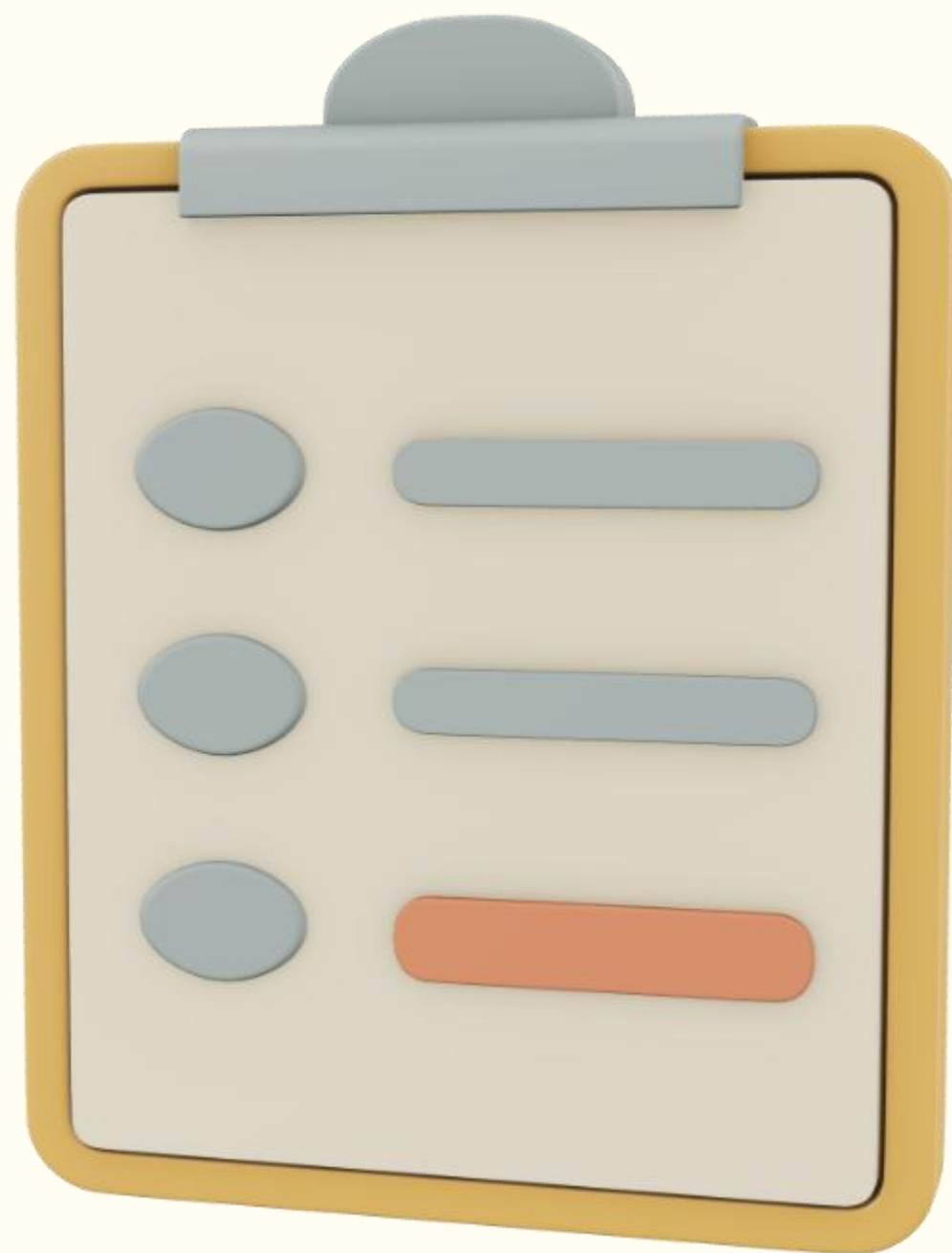
## *Mini-Grants*

2025-26 School Year



# GRANT

## *Requirements*



- ✓ Projects are **student-driven**, or in the case of elementary students, include their **voice and choice**
- ✓ **Engage students** who typically don't participate in wellness activities
- ✓ **Foster communication** about mental health **between students and trusted adults** in their lives

# *By the* **NUMBERS**

Over **\$80,000** in grants awarded to **34 public schools** in Washtenaw County

Approx. **880 students** participated in planning these projects

Elementary schools could request up to \$2,500. High schools and middle schools could request up to \$5,000

At least **14,300 students** were impacted by these projects

# Participating SCHOOLS

| School                    | District                                 | Project Title                                       |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| A2 STEAM at Northside     | Ann Arbor Public Schools                 | Cozy Corners                                        |
| ACCE High School          | Ypsilanti Community Schools              | Collaboration Stations                              |
| Ann Arbor Open at Mack    | Ann Arbor Public Schools                 | Calm Space, Yoga Classes, Mental Health Breaks, Art |
| Bach Elementary           | Ann Arbor Public Schools                 | Cozy Calming Corner (C3)                            |
| Beach Middle School       | Chelsea Schools                          | Happy Hooves Wellness Experience                    |
| Childs Elementary         | Lincoln Consolidated Schools             | Together As Family, Together We Thrive              |
| Dexter Alternative School | Dexter Community Schools                 | Socializing in the Community                        |
| Dexter High School        | Dexter Community Schools                 | Counseling Office Quiet Room                        |
| Early College Alliance    | Washtenaw Educational Options Consortium | Mind Over Stigma                                    |



# Participating SCHOOLS

| School                           | District                     | Project Title                          |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Erickson Elementary              | Ypsilanti Community Schools  | Movement Exploration                   |
| Ford STEAM Early Learning Center | Ypsilanti Community Schools  | Oasis Room Remodel                     |
| Forsythe Middle School           | Ann Arbor Public Schools     | Calming Room and Reward Room           |
| Harvest Elementary               | Saline Area Schools          | Harvesting Harmony                     |
| Huron High School                | Ann Arbor Public Schools     | Be Kind to Your Mind                   |
| King Elementary                  | Ann Arbor Public Schools     | Learning Garden Labyrinth              |
| Klager Elementary                | Manchester Community Schools | Zones of Regulation Stations           |
| Lakewood Elementary              | Ann Arbor Public Schools     | Reset/Sensory Room                     |
| Lincoln Middle School            | Lincoln Consolidated Schools | Classroom Calming Caddies/Yoga Classes |

# Participating SCHOOLS

| School                    | District                 | Project Title                                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Milan Middle School       | Milan Area Schools       | It's Okay to Not Be Okay                               |
| Mitchell Elementary       | Ann Arbor Public Schools | Mitchell Morning Mustang Club                          |
| Pittsfield Elementary     | Ann Arbor Public Schools | Sensory Pathway                                        |
| Pioneer High School       | Ann Arbor Public Schools | Building Bridges, Breaking Stigma                      |
| Pleasant Ridge Elementary | Saline Area Schools      | Project Peaceful Ridge                                 |
| Saline High School        | Saline Area Schools      | Mental Health is the GOAT                              |
| Saline Middle School      | Saline Area Schools      | SEL Community Gather Space                             |
| Skyline High School       | Ann Arbor Public Schools | Restorative Justice Symposium                          |
| Tappan Middle School      | Ann Arbor Public Schools | Wellness Day - Break the Silence, Embrace the Strength |

| School                                          | District                                 | Project Title                                 |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Washtenaw Alliance for Virtual Education (WAVE) | Washtenaw Educational Options Consortium | Yoga Classes and Alternative Workspaces       |
| Whitmore Lake Elementary                        | Whitmore Lake Public Schools             | Multiple Calming Spaces                       |
| Whitmore Lake Middle/High School                | Whitmore Lake Public Schools             | Self-Care Social Club - You Belong Here       |
| Woodland Meadows Elementary                     | Saline Area Schools                      | Woodland Worry Warriors                       |
| Ypsilanti Community High School                 | Ypsilanti Community Schools              | Mental Health Yearbook                        |
| Ypsilanti Community Middle School               | Ypsilanti Community Schools              | Young Kings Mentoring Group “Zen Room Design” |
| Ypsilanti Puentes Multilingual School           | Ypsilanti Community Schools              | Calming Corners/Rincon de la Calma            |

# Learning to Take Care of Our Mental Health...

## With Safe and Calming Spaces





“Students are using the spaces to **relax** and **restore** when they are tired or feeling **overwhelmed**. They also use the spaces to **collaborate** in a **safe** and **respectful** space.”

“The students were instrumental in deciding on the furniture, supplies, and decorations being purchased for their calming, welcoming environment. The social worker involved them in the decision-making, the organizing, the set up, the entire process!”



# ...By Moving Our Bodies



“The adults have learned if we give students **responsibility** for the projects they can **exceed our expectations.**”



“Through this grant, students were able to participate in structured “check-in circles” and small-group activities that encouraged them to talk openly about their feelings. These routines helped students practice naming their emotions and identifying when they needed support. As a result, many students who were typically quiet or hesitant began approaching their teachers, counselor, and other trusted adults to share concerns or ask for help. Staff reported that students were more comfortable initiating conversations about stress, friendships, or challenges at home, showing that the grant directly strengthened mental health communication between students and the adults they rely on.”

# ...By Learning to Work Together to Build a Resilient School Community



“We are incredibly grateful for the mental health mini grant and the opportunity it provided to create a **calming, welcoming space** for our students. This support has allowed us to respond more effectively to the **growing social-emotional needs** of students. Having a designated space where students can take a brief, structured break to **feel safe, regroup, and practice regulation strategies** has been invaluable.

It has been especially meaningful to observe the **positive and often immediate impact** on students. Many are able to return to class more regulated, focused, and **ready to engage in learning**. The calming space has not only supported individual students, but has also contributed to a **more supportive and responsive school environment** overall.”

“Oftentimes one of the hardest parts of help seeking is just starting the conversation. These items provide a way to begin the conversation without saying the first word.”



“Our mental health mini grant project was designed with one central goal in mind: to make emotional support accessible to every student, emphasizing access right where they are — in the classroom. Rather than pulling students out of instructional time to address their emotional needs, we brought the tools directly to them with the addition of calming caddies in classrooms. Calming Caddies are portable kits stocked with sensory and self-regulation tools such as stress balls, fidgets, visual breathing guides, mindfulness activity cards, and calming coloring sheets. Each classroom received its own caddy, making emotional regulation support universally available without stigma or disruption.”





Thank You!



# QUESTIONS?

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