

Summit Educational Service Center

School-Based Wellness Expansion Proposal

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In collaboration with Children's Hospital Medical Center
of Akron and Child Guidance & Family Solutions
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Executive Summary

Summit Educational Service Center (ESC) is committed to enhancing the behavioral health and wellness of students across Summit County. Building on our extensive experience in school-based wellness initiatives, this proposal seeks funding to expand the role of Behavioral Health and Wellness Coordinators to four additional school districts: Manchester Local, Mogadore Local, Stow-Munroe Falls City, and Springfield Local. These coordinators will implement the Ohio School Wellness Initiative's Student Assistance Program model, which includes universal screening, a structured referral process, and the formation of Student Assistance Teams. By improving coordination between schools and community-based services, this initiative aims to address the growing behavioral health challenges faced by Ohio's youth, including depression, anxiety, substance abuse, and social isolation.

In collaboration with Akron Children's Hospital and Child Guidance and Family Solutions, Summit ESC will lead the recruitment, training, and supervision of three Behavioral Health and Wellness Coordinators. The project will prioritize early identification and intervention for students at risk of behavioral health issues, with a particular focus on substance use disorders. By integrating these coordinators into the school environment and fostering collaboration with community partners, the initiative will improve service accessibility, streamline care processes, and ultimately enhance the overall well-being of students. The project is designed to be sustainable beyond the initial funding period, with districts and partners committed to maintaining these critical roles to ensure long-term impact.

Organizational Background

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Summit ESC is a proactive partner dedicated to efficiently and economically providing services that districts might otherwise struggle to offer independently. With a proven track record, Summit ESC supports Summit County school districts by delivering innovative and personalized solutions to meet the administrative, human resources, curriculum and instruction, staff development, special education, fiscal, and prevention and wellness needs of students, staff, and communities.

Over the past five years, Summit ESC has emerged as a leader in school-based wellness initiatives. The creation of the Summit ESC Crisis Team, which supports the mental health needs of students and staff following critical incidents, is just one example of our commitment. Additionally, we have hosted innovative professional development sessions and communities of practice to enhance school-based wellness programs in the area.

Notably, Summit ESC has collaborated with Peg's Foundation over the last two years to complete a comprehensive needs assessment and strategic plan focused on improving the youth behavioral health system in Summit County. Through engagement with school and community stakeholders, we gained insights into the current state of the local youth behavioral health system. This initiative led to a continued partnership with Peg's Foundation, which provided pilot funding for two Behavioral Health and Wellness Coordinators in the Coventry Local School District and the Tallmadge City School District. These positions follow the Ohio School Wellness Initiative model and utilize Student Assistance Programs to identify student needs earlier and improve coordination between school and community-based resources.

As the demand for school-based wellness programming has increased, Summit ESC established a dedicated Wellness Initiatives Department, led by Zachary Miley, MSW, LISW, LICDC, OCPC. Zachary oversees the design, implementation, and evaluation of these programs.

Our goal is to expand the utilization of Behavioral Health and Wellness Coordinators to additional districts throughout Summit County and to strengthen collaboration between schools and community-based providers.

Summit ESC has partnered with Akron Children’s Hospital to serve as the substance use disorder clinical partner for this proposal and with Child Guidance & Family Solutions to provide staffing and behavioral health consultation support. These collaborations enhance our ability to offer seamless support to students and staff in the districts we serve, providing access to some of the best resources available in our area.

Problem Statement

Youth and families struggling with behavioral health issues, serious mental illness, substance use disorder, and co-occurring disorders are often undiagnosed in the early stages of their illness. Consequently, they and their loved ones miss the advantages of early information, prevention, intervention, and evidence-based treatments that are known to be effective.

Extent of the Problem

Since the onset of the pandemic, Ohio’s youth have experienced increasing behavioral health issues, including depression, anxiety, substance abuse, social isolation, and suicidal ideation (Ohio School Wellness Initiative, 2021). According to the Ohio Healthy Youth Environment Survey, the percentage of youth reporting issues warranting further exploration by a behavioral health professional rose from 17% in 2015-2016 to 25% in 2020-21. The data also revealed that 33% of Ohio youth felt sad or hopeless almost every day, almost one-third reported clinical levels of anxiety, one-quarter reported clinical levels of depression, 25.9% reported current alcohol use, 13.4% reported current binge drinking, 14.2% of middle-school students reported trying cigarette smoking, 4.9% of high school students reported currently smoking

cigarettes, nearly half of high school students, and one-quarter of middle school students have used an electronic vapor product, with 29.8% of high school students currently vaping. By 12th grade, 41% of students have experimented with illicit drugs and 10% have used prescription opioids non-medically.

Contributing Factors

While Summit County is resource-rich in terms of available services and supports for youth, there is a lack of a streamlined navigation system, making it difficult for families to access necessary resources. Summit ESC's needs assessment reveals considerable overlap in available services in some areas, but no one coordinates these services to link families to the appropriate resources, thus optimizing continuity of care.

Specifically, in Summit County, there is a significant lack of a youth recovery-oriented system of care. Young people who successfully reach a provider for treatment may complete a course of treatment but then return to an environment that is not prepared or equipped to sustain their recovery. Often, schools are the first line of support for these young people but may quickly reintegrate them into everyday routines without providing continued support.

Finally, the increased demand on public education to meet high academic standards, as well as the needs of the whole child, leaves limited time and resources to implement preventative measures to stop these disease processes before they happen. Administrators, teachers, counselors, and psychologists are overwhelmed by mandates and statutes that limit their ability to address these concerns.

Impact of the Problem

When a system lacks coordination and navigation, consumers can easily become lost within it and fail to access necessary services. In the case of youth behavioral health, this lack of

coordination can lead to the continued progression of diseases, impacting a young person's physical, social, and emotional functioning, potentially with fatal consequences. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2024), these issues can negatively impact school performance, judgment, and lead to other risky behaviors that could cause additional health problems.

Addressing the Problem

This funding will contribute to the expansion of Behavioral Health and Wellness Coordinators in Summit County schools, continuing to improve service coordination and navigation throughout the youth behavioral health system in Summit County to be able to help the full spectrum addiction severity. As this network of coordinators expands, we expect to see improved referral processes, more efficient access to services, and a decrease in the acuity of disease.

Program Description

Summit ESC, in collaboration with Akron Children's Hospital and Child Guidance & Family Solutions, proposes to hire three Behavioral Health and Wellness Coordinators to implement the Ohio School Wellness Initiative Student Assistance Program model in four Summit County school districts: Manchester Local School District, Mogadore Local School District, Stow-Munroe Falls City School District, and Springfield Local School District. Manchester and Mogadore will share a full-time position due to their enrollment size. The proposed funding will employ the coordinators for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year and the entire 2025-2026 school year, maximizing potential outcomes by aligning with the school-year calendar. The project end date is June 30, 2026.

Methods/Activities

Specific activities, responsibilities, and key milestones are outlined in the work plan (Appendix A). Summit ESC will partner with Child Guidance & Family Solutions to recruit and hire the three coordinators, who will meet the requirements outlined in the job description (Appendix B). Summit ESC, Child Guidance & Family Solutions, and Akron Children’s Hospital will collaboratively support and supervise the coordinators, working closely with school district leadership to ensure fidelity in implementing the Ohio School Wellness Initiative model. Akron Children’s will also provide educational resources to train school-based personnel and be available as a clinical resource for youth who need higher level addiction care by providing evidence-based therapies such as pharmacotherapy, motivational interviewing, trauma-informed cognitive behavioral therapy, contingency management, and family-based therapy.

The Ohio School Wellness Initiative Student Assistance Program model includes the following tenets: universal screening, a defined referral process, formation of Student Assistance Teams that meet regularly to review student referrals and make recommendations for additional support or external assistance, community resource collaboration, and Tier I prevention programming. The coordinator, in collaboration with Summit ESC and community partners, will lead these efforts in their respective districts.

Panorama Education will be contracted as the vendor for universal screening at Springfield, Mogadore, and Manchester while Satchel Pulse will be contracted as the vendor for this service at Stow-Munroe Falls. Universal screening for the purpose of this project defines an instrument used to gather information on the social-emotional functioning of all students without explicitly asking about their behavioral health or substance use habits. Federal privacy laws prohibit school districts from requiring students to engage in “assessments” that address behavioral health without active written parent consent, however, the questions utilized in the

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Panorama and Satchel Pulse surveys can be asked with parent notification and passive consent with an opt out procedure. Each district will be required to implement universal screening surveys, which will provide valuable data on students who may need additional support but have not been referred to the Student Assistance Program. Surveys will be administered in Spring 2025, Fall 2025, and Spring 2026 to all middle school and high school students. The coordinator will lead the survey administration with support from Summit ESC.

Developing a second-tier substance use screening and referral process is a critical element of this proposal. This process will help identify at-risk youth for substance use disorders earlier and refer them to the appropriate level of care for triage and treatment if needed. It is important to note that this process will involve screening students referred to the Student Assistance Program, with parental/guardian consent in accordance with federal laws related to school screening and assessment. Summit ESC will partner with Akron Children's Hospital as the substance use disorder clinical partner to develop and support the implementation of this process through training and ongoing consultation. Akron Children's Hospital will also be the primary referral receiver for youth identified at risk of substance use disorders. Akron Children's is the largest provider of integrated pediatric and adolescent primary care in the state of Ohio and has an addiction service line providing medical and mental health evaluations, pharmacotherapy, and behavioral interventions. The addiction team consists of a child psychiatrist board certified in addiction medicine (Dr. Laura Markley), an experienced addiction operations manager (Talia Brown MA LPCC-s, LICDC-CS), a PharmD toxicologist (Dr. Michelle Bestic) and multiple mental health therapists who specialize in substance use and co-occurring disorders. The team offers inpatient and outpatient services as well as intensive outpatient (IOP) treatment services

during after school hours. In the past year, the addiction program treated 108 patients from Summit County.

In alignment with county and system-wide goals, Summit ESC will continue to lead and facilitate communities of practice and professional development opportunities for the coordinators funded through this grant, and those already in place. These resources will foster the sharing of best practices, the development of new processes, and the refinement of existing processes to ensure the highest quality of care.

Amplifying the youth voice in matters that affect them is a core principle of population health. As part of its leadership in school wellness, Summit ESC hosted a Youth-Led Wellness Summit in Spring 2024, with participation from five Summit County school districts. The event gathered input from young people about the services they need in their schools, what matters are important to them, and provided them with leadership training to lead wellness initiatives in their districts. Coordinators will be expected to lead small youth advisory groups in their respective districts and bring them to future summits.

Collectively, these activities, along with the items specified in the work plan, will lay a strong foundation for the successful implementation of the Ohio School Wellness Initiative Student Assistance Program model and ensure its long-term success in the participating districts.

Evaluation

Summit ESC, in collaboration with Akron Children's Hospital, Child Guidance & Family Solutions, and the partner districts, will use a mixed-methods approach to collect and analyze process and outcome data related to this project. Potential data sources include student information systems (attendance, grades, discipline), parent/guardian-provided information, referral information, UniteUs platform data, stakeholder feedback, and Panorama Education

platform data. Data relevant to the goals outlined in the work plan will be collected and analyzed quarterly by representatives from each partner agency and reported at the requested intervals of the OAAC.

If the process evaluation data suggests the need for mid-course corrections, these will be reported and requested in writing to the OAAC.

Budget

Please refer to the attached budget and budget narrative in Appendix C.

Sustainability

Sustainability is critically important to Summit ESC and all project partners. Continuation of these positions beyond the initial funding period ensures that youth continue to receive high-quality care and that the youth behavioral health system in Summit County continues to improve. Each district was selected based on its commitment to sustainability planning, as evidenced by their Memorandum of Understanding. Akron Children's Hospital and Child Guidance & Family Solutions are also committed to sustainability planning and support, as evidenced by their Memoranda of Understanding. While securing external funding to continue these positions would be ideal, participating districts understand that they are obligated to continue the positions beyond the funding period if the data supports the positive impact of these roles. Extending the timeline to June 30, 2026, is critical, as it allows sufficient time to gather data supporting sustainability without increasing costs or requesting additional funds from OAAC beyond the allocated amount in this proposal.

References

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Appendix A: Workplan

Activity	Responsible Party/Parties	Timeline	Targeted Number of Activities, Individuals, or Trainings	SMART-IE Goals
Development/Groundwork of Programming				
Work with school districts for the placement of one BHW Coordinator in four districts (total of three coordinators, one will be split between two districts)	Summit ESC Wellness Initiatives Department/ Child Guidance & Family Solutions	Funding- November 2024	3 BHW Coordinators, 4 Districts	By November 2024, Child Guidance and Summit ESC will hire and assign 3 BHW Coordinators to four selected districts.
Development or implementation of screening protocols and prevention/treatment algorithms for young adolescents and their caregivers in schools.	Summit ESC Wellness Initiatives, Akron Children’s Hospital	Funding-January 2025	1 Protocol and 1 Training Provided	By January 2025, Akron Children’s Hospital will select or develop a protocol for identifying, triaging, and referring students at risk for substance use disorder and provide a professional development to BHW Coordinators on implementing the protocol.
Provide educational resources and evidence-based approaches, and establish SMART-IE outcomes to measure impact of coordinators on behavioral health, mental health, substance use, and school-based metrics such as absenteeism rates, suspension rates for behavior, etc.	Summit ESC Wellness Initiatives Department, BHW Coordinators Akron Children’s Hospital	November 2024- February 2025	3 SMART-IE Outcomes	By February 2025, the BHW Coordinators will establish 3 SMART-IE outcomes focused on impact of work to be measured as part of the overall evaluation plan.
Identification and formation of Student Assistance Teams	BHW Coordinators	November 2024- February 2024	1 Student Assistance Team Per Building	By February 2025, BHW Coordinators will identify and form a Student Assistance Team in each building they function in as well as

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				a process for meeting and reviewing students referred to the Student Assistance Program with that team.
Multiple Level Screening Development for Student Wellness				
Universal social-emotional screening for all students in middle school and high school in respective districts.	BHW Coordinators	May 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2026	1 Screening, Baseline	By May 2025, each district will have completed one distribution of the Panorama survey. By October 2025, each district will have distributed a second Panorama survey and by March 2025 each district will have distributed a third Panorama survey. In each distribution, BHW Coordinators within 15 days of data collection, will analyze data for at-risk students and obtain consent for additional screening or support through the Student Assistance Program.
Establish referral process for Student Assistance Program.	BHW Coordinators	November 2024-February 2025	1 Referral Process per District	By February 2025, BHW Coordinators will develop a process specific for their district that allows stakeholders to refer students who may need assistance to the Student Assistance Program.
Establish referral process for students with identified needs to services such as community service centers, hospitals, juvenile court systems, community mental health partners, and juvenile residential SUD programs.	Summit ESC, Akron Children’s Hospital, BHW Coordinators	Funding-February 2025	1 Referral Process	By February 2025, partners will develop a process for referring students who need support beyond the school boundaries to that support and a process for following the referral.

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Comprehensive Personalized Prevention and Treatment Approach that could include outpatient counseling including but not limited to motivational interviewing, trauma-informed care, and family-based models, medical stabilization, and medication-assisted treatment.	Akron Children’s Hospital			
Utilize UniteUs as the social drivers of health platform for youth during the project timeline. Applicants must be enrolled/enrolling in UniteUs and documentation of enrollment must be provided.	Summit ESC and Partnering Districts Akron Children’s Hospital	Funding- February 2025	4 Enrolled Districts	By February 2025, Summit ESC will have facilitated the enrollment of the four partnering districts in the UniteUs platform and BHW Coordinators will receive training on utilizing the platform to make and track referrals. Akron Children’s Hospital will also enroll patients who are referred from this program.
Staff Wellness				
Work with community partners to provide education, programming, and support for ALL school staff including social, emotional, occupational, intellectual, environmental, financial, physical, and spiritual wellness.	BHW Coordinators, Akron Children’s Hospital	Ongoing	2 Professional Development’s Per District	By the end of the funding period, BHW Coordinators in collaboration with Akron Children’s Hospital will have provided at least two professional development sessions on staff wellness to their respective districts.
Outcome Monitoring				
Development of an evaluation plan to include reporting of metrics on measures such as number of referrals, demographics of students, substance(s) used, student follow-up/progress (30, 60, 90 days),	Summit ESC, BHW Coordinators	Funding- February 2025	1 Evaluation Plan	By February 2025, Summit ESC in collaboration with the BHW Coordinators will develop an evaluation plan that provides meaningful student-related outcome and process data for the project.

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comparison of suspension rates, absenteeism, etc.				
Development of an evaluation plan to include reporting on metrics on outcomes for staff wellness including informational sessions, pertinent data on programming outcomes, attendance rate, etc.	Summit ESC, BHW Coordinators	Funding-February 2025	1 Evaluation Plan	By February 2025, Summit ESC in collaboration with the BHW Coordinators will develop an evaluation plan that provides meaningful staff-related outcome and process data for the project.
UniteUs reports on social drivers of health should be included in all data reporting.	Summit ESC, BHW Coordinators	Ongoing		At each progress report and in final reporting, available UniteUs data will be provided.
Long-Term Planning				
Sustainability plan on how services will be continued after funding has ended.	Summit ESC, Akron Children’s Hospital, Partner Districts	Ongoing		By February 2026, each district will have a funding and sustainability plan to be able to continue providing the services and programming beyond the funding period.
Plan for addressing barriers encountered or lessons learned based on outcome and impact reporting at 1 year.	Summit ESC, Akron Children’s Hospital, BHW Coordinators, Partner Districts	June 2026	1 Meeting	By June 2026, Summit ESC will conduct a meeting involving all project partners and staff to discuss evaluation data and lessons learned and develop a work-plan for next phase.

Appendix B: Job Description **Behavioral Health and Wellness Coordinator**

Overview:

Behavioral Health & Wellness Coordinator will be a building-level staff member who can assist in improving access and availability of evidence-based behavioral health promotion, prevention, and early intervention practices and coordinate efforts to plan for, implement, and sustain a Student Assistance Program and staff wellness framework.

Roles & Responsibilities

- Plans for, implements, and sustains behavioral health and wellness efforts.
- Provides a variety of services, including
 - behavioral health promotion,
 - prevention,
 - early identification,
 - evidence-based intervention,
 - referral processes, and
 - guided support services across the multi-tiered spectrum for K-12 students.
- Preventing and supporting students experiencing non-academic barriers to learning including behavioral health concerns, substance use, and family and relationship concerns.
- Focus on the school's health education curriculum and instruction to support and reinforce the health and well-being of each student.
- Staff wellness frameworks are school-wide wellness programs that promote healthy adults who feel positive about their roles, are excited to be at work, and are consistently present.
- To connect and coordinate student behavioral health services and staff wellness programming (within the school district and among community partners).
- Creating collaborative partnerships with local Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Services Boards

Qualifications & Educational Requirements

- Bachelor's degree required.
- Evidence of effective networking and facilitation among diverse groups and agencies.
- Experience working with local school districts, law enforcement, and/or human service agencies toward common goals.
- Experience with children and families with special needs, especially in school settings.
- Experience with, or knowledge of, research-based alcohol/drug abuse prevention strategies.
- Experience with, or knowledge of, mental health/public health needs, services, and promotion.
- Knowledge of minority populations' needs;
- Ability to complete complex tasks and synthesize outcomes for concise reporting;

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- Adept with computer technology, Word, and Excel programs;
- Experience with effective public relations/marketing strategies;
- Excellent problem-solving and crisis-management skills;
- Excellent oral and written skills;
- Evidence of successful experience in grant writing, grants administration, reporting, and financial management;
- Evidence of personnel management skills; and
- Flexible, adaptable, and able to bring groups together for a common goal.
- All other duties as assigned.

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Appendix C: Budget and Budget Narrative

Project Budget

Organization Name: Summit Educational Service Center
Project Title: Summit County OAC Behavioral Health & Wellness Coordinators RFP

Budget Details

		Springfield	Mogadore & Manchester	Stow-Munroe Falls	Totals
A. Personnel Costs					
Behavioral Health & Wellness Coordinator (3) 1.0 FTE	\$	140,000.00	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 420,000.00
Summit ESC Wellness Consultant - Supervision of District BHWC (1) .3 FTE	\$	11,732.31	\$ 23,464.62	\$ 11,732.31	\$ 46,929.24
Akron Children's Hospital Personnel	\$	27,519.34	\$ 27,519.33	\$ 27,519.33	\$ 82,558.00
Personnel Costs:	\$	179,251.65	\$ 190,983.95	\$ 179,251.64	\$ 549,487.24
B. Operating Costs					
Student Universal Screening and Surveying	\$	17,175.00	\$ 34,350.00	\$ 23,475.00	\$ 75,000.00
Akron Children's Hospital Contingency Management & UniteUs Support	\$	17,480.67	\$ 17,480.67	\$ 17,480.66	\$ 52,442.00
Youth Wellness Leadership Day Event	\$	3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Professional Development for BHWC	\$	2,750.00	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 8,250.00
Operating Costs:	\$	40,405.67	\$ 57,580.67	\$ 46,705.66	\$ 144,692.00
C. Indirect Costs (8%)					
Indirect Total:				\$	55,534.34
D. Project Costs					
Totals:	\$				749,713.58

A. Personnel Costs:

- a. Behavioral Health & Wellness Coordinator (3) 1.0 FTE: These funds will employ 3 full-time BHW Coordinators to provide services to four Summit County school districts through the end of the 2025-2026 school year as outlined in the project narrative. Child Guidance & Family Solutions will employ each coordinator at a cost of \$80,000 each for a 204 day contract for a full school-year. For the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, .75 of a contract has been budgeted, or 153 days of work, for \$60,000 each. A standard school year is 186 days; 204 days allows the coordinator to provide bridge services to families by holding weekly office hours during the summer as well as time immediately before and after the school year. This cost includes salary and fringe benefits.
- b. Summit ESC Wellness Consultant- Supervision of District BHWC (1) .3 FTE: These funds will offset the cost of supervision of the three additional BHW Coordinators provided by the Wellness Initiatives Coordinator at Summit Educational Service Center. .3 of this position, or approximately 1.5 days per week of supervision has been budgeted for this project.
- c. Akron Children's Hospital Personnel:
 - i. Project Coordinator (1) .1 FTE: Master's level or equivalent experience. The Project Coordinator will provide day-to-day direction across the project and ensure quality assurance processes as planned. He/she will track and monitor achievement of project milestones and coordinate all activities.
 - ii. Clinical Operations Supervisor (1) .2 FTE: Independently licensed ACH staff who oversees the clinical performance of mental health therapist in addiction. S/he also manages risk escalation protocols and is responsible for making sure that the care provided is in compliance with regulatory protocols. This staff is accountable for workflow operations, personnel administration of the clinical aspects of the program and will provide educational trainings.
 - iii. Addiction Provider (1) .1 FTE: Licensed staff who provides behavioral health and addiction services to patients seen in Akron Children's Addictions Services Department. S/he assesses and offers care to those with mild, moderate, and severe substance use disorders. Funding will support this ACH providers planning and providing of medical trainings.
 - iv. Clinical Case Navigator (1) .2 FTE: Funding will support the ACH navigator to oversee the clinical triage process and ensure that youth are provided with the most appropriate level of care.

B. Operating Costs

- a. Student Universal Screening and Surveying: Panorama Education and Satchel Pulse are the vendors that provide access to the social-emotional screening surveys that will be given to each 7th-12th grade student at each participating district. Budgeting for this portion has been based on proposals from the vendor to provide the service and is based on the enrollment of each district. This data will help guide which students are referred to the Student Assistance

Program and provides insight to students who may otherwise “fall through the cracks” where Universal Screening is not in place.

- b. Akron Children’s Hospital Contingency Management & UniteUs Implementation Support: ACH will offer contingency management. Contingency management is an evidence-based concept of encouraging desired behaviors with tangible rewards, while withholding rewards if behaviors are not exhibited. It is based on adherence to therapy and if applicable, regular toxicology screenings. UniteUs: The project will utilize UniteUs as a community services referral platform, which will also provide outcomes reporting data.
 - c. Youth Wellness Leadership Day Event: Each participating district will be required to start youth advisory groups to address wellness-related issues in their respective districts. The ESC will host a leadership summit for all of the participating districts to engage in productive discussion and receive leadership training to continue to advance youth-led prevention efforts in their districts. These funds will offset the costs associated with that event such as speaker fees, supplies, and food and refreshments.
 - d. Professional Development for BHWC: These funds will be used to send the BHW Coordinators to the National Conference for Advancing School Mental Health hosted by the University of Maryland School of Medicine. It is a standard in professional development for school-based wellness and coordinators already in place have attended this conference previously; Federal funding priorities support this event which allows our coordinators access to the latest and greatest techniques and strategies.
- C. Indirect Costs (8%):** Indirect costs are to offset the overhead associated with management and administrative oversight of the tasks associated with this project such as fiscal management and administrative support.

Appendix D: Memoranda of Understanding

1. Child Guidance & Family Solutions
2. Children’s Hospital Medical Center of Akron
3. Manchester Local School District
4. Miami University – Ohio’s School-Based Center of Excellence for Prevention and Early Intervention
5. Mogadore Local School District
6. Springfield Local School District
7. Stow-Munroe Falls City School District

Memorandum of Understanding for Summit County Opiate Abatement Advisory Committee Behavioral Health & Wellness Coordinator Request for Proposal Response

This is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between *Summit Educational Service Center* and *Child Guidance & Family Solutions*. This MOU is an agreement to execute the Ohio School Wellness Initiative and Behavioral Health and Wellness Coordinator (BHW Coordinator).

Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to maintain a formal, contractual partnership between key identified partners to assist in planning and embedding three new BHW Coordinators and support the implementation of Ohio's Student Assistance Program model. This formal partnership will support the BHW Coordinator who will provide leadership and direction to overall school behavioral health prevention and wellness efforts, including alignment of school-based strategies and demonstrating the impact of the initiative.

Term

This MOU shall begin on **9/1/2024** and extend through **6/30/2026**.

Duties of Each Partner

Summit Educational Service Center

1. Serve as the fiscal agent for all funds awarded by the grantor.
2. Identify and select the school districts in which BHW Coordinators will be placed in consultation with Child Guidance & Family Solutions.
3. Consult on recruitment and hiring or contracting of BHW Coordinators through Child Guidance & Family Solutions.
4. Provide regular supervision and administrative oversight of the implementation of the Ohio School Wellness Initiative Student Assistance Program model in the selected school districts.
5. Facilitate ongoing Community of Practice meetings for established and new BHW Coordinators.
6. Lead the development and expansion of school-based wellness programs in Summit County school districts in concert with Child Guidance & Family Solutions.
7. Support school districts in developing and implementing sustainability strategies to continue programs beyond the funding period.
8. Ensure BHW Coordinators have access to community resources and are embedded in the youth system of care.
9. Facilitate the implementation of UniteUs in the selected school districts.
10. Facilitate the implementation of Panorama screening in the selected school districts.
11. Ensure students who are screened at risk for substance use disorder are referred appropriately to Akron Children's Hospital substance use treatment program.

Child Guidance & Family Solutions

1. Employ three full-time Behavioral Health & Wellness Coordinators for the duration of the grant period and provide Human Capital Management of those individuals. Employment responsibilities include but are not limited to payroll, benefits, human resources support, and contracting.
2. Engage in collaborative supervision of the BHW Coordinators with Summit Educational Service Center to ensure implementation of the position and Student Assistance Programs in selected districts to fidelity.
3. Participate in professional development opportunities related to the implementation of the Ohio School Wellness Initiative model.
4. Participate in partnership meetings with Summit Educational Service Center, Akron Children's Hospital, and other partners to discuss process and outcome evaluation data.
5. Participate in sustainability planning with Summit Educational Service Center, Akron Children's Hospital, and school districts to support continuation of programming beyond initial funding period.

6. Enroll and participate in the UniteUs platform and network.

This agreement shall be subject to all applicable provisions of state of Ohio and federal law and regulations related to the delivery and funding of social service.

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Joseph Iacano

Representative Signature

Joseph J. Iacano
Superintendent Date 8/21/24

Child Guidance & Family Solutions

Karen Talbott

Representative Signature

Karen Talbott 8/14/2024
President & CEO Date

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4. Provide regular supervision and administrative oversight of the Ohio School Wellness Initiative Student Assistance Program model in the selected school districts.
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6. Lead the development and expansion of school-based wellness programs in Summit County school districts.
7. Support school districts in developing and implementing sustainability strategies to continue programs beyond the funding period.
8. Ensure BHW Coordinators have access to community resources and are embedded in the youth system of care.
9. Facilitate the implementation of UniteUs in the selected school districts.
10. Facilitate the implementation of Panorama screening in the selected school districts.
11. Ensure students who are screened at risk for substance use disorder are referred appropriately to Akron Children's Hospital substance use treatment program.

Akron Children's Hospital

1. Clinical Educators provide SBIRT training to BHW Coordinators and Mental Health Therapists.
2. Support BHW Coordinators.
3. Provide education, programming, and support through professional development sessions.
4. Develop SBIRT training materials to expand to other sites.
5. Facilitate token economy to encourage positive behaviors.
6. Facilitate access to equine therapy and other recreational activities (i.e., camps, YMCA).
7. Serve as substance use disorder clinical partner through training and ongoing consultation.
8. Seamless referral to Akron Children's Hospital's Addictions Services Department for youth identified by the BHW Coordinators at risk of substance use disorders.

This agreement shall be subject to all applicable provisions of state and federal law and regulations related to the delivery and funding of social service.

**Summit Educational Service
Center**

Joseph Iacano

Representative Signature

Signature



Superintendent

Date

8/21/24

Akron Children's Hospital

Christopher Gesner

Representative



President & CEO

Date

8/14/2024

Memorandum of Understanding for Summit County Opiate Abatement Advisory Committee Behavioral Health & Wellness Coordinator Request for Proposal Response

This is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between *Summit Educational Service Center* and *Manchester Local School District*. This MOU is an agreement to execute the Ohio School Wellness Initiative and Behavioral Health and Wellness Coordinator (BHW Coordinator).

Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to maintain a formal, contractual partnership between key identified partners to assist in planning and embedding three new BHW Coordinators and support the implementation of Ohio's Student Assistance Program model. This formal partnership will support the BHW Coordinator who will provide leadership and direction to overall school behavioral health prevention and wellness efforts, including alignment of school-based strategies and demonstrating the impact of the initiative.

Term

This MOU shall begin on **9/1/2024** and extend through **6/30/2026**.

Duties of Each Partner

Summit Educational Service Center

1. Serve as the fiscal agent for all funds awarded by the grantor.
2. Identify and select the school districts in which BHW Coordinators will be placed.
3. Facilitate the recruitment and hiring or contracting of BHW Coordinators.
4. Provide regular supervision and administrative oversight of the implementation of the Ohio School Wellness Initiative Student Assistance Program model in the selected school districts.
5. Facilitate ongoing Community of Practice meetings for established and new BHW Coordinators.
6. Lead the development and expansion of school-based wellness programs in Summit County school districts.
7. Support school districts in developing and implementing sustainability strategies to continue programs beyond the funding period.
8. Ensure BHW Coordinators have access to community resources and are embedded in the youth system of care.
9. Facilitate the implementation of UniteUs in the selected school districts.
10. Facilitate the implementation of Panorama screening in the selected school districts.
11. Ensure students who are screened at risk for substance use disorder are referred appropriately to Akron Children's Hospital substance use treatment program.

Manchester Local School District

1. Implement the BHW Coordinator position and Student Assistant Programs to fidelity at the middle school and high school buildings.
2. Ensure the BHW Coordinator is not required or requested to perform job responsibilities that do not align with the BHW Coordinator job description or project scope of work.
3. Provide a workspace, work equipment (computer, keys, etc.), and necessary access to student information to the BHW Coordinator to successfully engage in job responsibilities.
4. Provide opportunities to the BHW Coordinator to engage with stakeholders and educate them about the Student Assistance Program (i.e. Board of Education, staff, community members).
5. Allow the BHW Coordinator to engage in professional development opportunities.
6. Engage in collaborative supervision of the BHW Coordinator with Summit Educational Service Center Wellness Initiatives Department.
7. Enroll in and utilize the UniteUs platform for data collection and social determinants of health tracking.
8. Deliver a Fall and Spring Panorama screening to all middle school and high school students.

9. Engage in sustainability planning with Summit Educational Service Center and other community partners to continue programming beyond the initial funding period.

This agreement shall be subject to all applicable provisions of state and federal law and regulations related to the delivery and funding of social service.

Summit Educational Service Center

Joseph Iacano
Representative Signature

Joseph G. Iacano 8/21/24
Superintendent Date

Manchester Local School District

Gary Hinton
Representative Signature

Gary Hinton 8/20/24
Superintendent Date

Memorandum of Understanding for Summit County Opiate Abatement Advisory Committee Behavioral Health & Wellness Coordinator Request for Proposal Response

This is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between *Summit Educational Service Center* and *Miami University – Ohio’s School-Based Center of Excellence in Prevention and Early Identification (SBCOE)*. This MOU is an agreement to execute the Ohio School Wellness Initiative and Behavioral Health and Wellness Coordinator (BHW Coordinator).

Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to maintain a formal, contractual partnership between key identified partners to assist in planning and embedding three new BHW Coordinators and support the implementation of Ohio’s Student Assistance Program model. This formal partnership will support the BHW Coordinator who will provide leadership and direction to overall school behavioral health prevention and wellness efforts, including alignment of school-based strategies and demonstrating the impact of the initiative.

Term

This MOU shall begin on **9/1/2024** and extend through **6/30/2026**.

Duties of Each Partner

Summit Educational Service Center

1. Serve as the fiscal agent for all funds awarded by the grantor.
2. Identify and select the school districts in which BHW Coordinators will be placed.
3. Provide regular supervision and administrative oversight of the implementation of the Ohio School Wellness Initiative Student Assistance Program model in the selected school districts.
4. Facilitate ongoing local Community of Practice meetings for established and new BHW Coordinators.
5. Lead the development and expansion of school-based wellness programs in Summit County school districts.
6. Support school districts in developing and implementing sustainability strategies to continue programs beyond the funding period.
7. Ensure BHW Coordinators have access to community resources and are embedded in the youth system of care.
8. Facilitate the implementation of UniteUs in the selected school districts.
9. Facilitate the implementation of Panorama screening in the selected school districts.
10. Ensure students who are screened at risk for substance use disorder are referred appropriately to Akron Children’s Hospital substance use treatment program.


Miami University – SBCOE

1. Provide in-kind technical assistance, training, and participation in ongoing coordinator Communities of Practice made available through the Ohio School Wellness Initiative.
2. Provide input on strategic planning to support the sustainability of the positions beyond the initial funding period.

This agreement shall be subject to all applicable provisions of state of Ohio and federal law and regulations related to the delivery and funding of social service.

Summit Educational Service Center

Joseph Iacano
Representative Signature


Superintendent Date 8-29-24

Miami University – SBCOE

Elizabeth Mullenix
Representative Signature


Provost 08/22/2024

Memorandum of Understanding for Summit County Opiate Abatement Advisory Committee Behavioral Health & Wellness Coordinator Request for Proposal Response

This is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between *Summit Educational Service Center* and *Mogadore Local School District*. This MOU is an agreement to execute the Ohio School Wellness Initiative and Behavioral Health and Wellness Coordinator (BHW Coordinator).

Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to maintain a formal, contractual partnership between key identified partners to assist in planning and embedding three new BHW Coordinators and support the implementation of Ohio's Student Assistance Program model. This formal partnership will support the BHW Coordinator who will provide leadership and direction to overall school behavioral health prevention and wellness efforts, including alignment of school-based strategies and demonstrating the impact of the initiative.

Term

This MOU shall begin on **9/1/2024** and extend through **6/30/2026**.

Duties of Each Partner

Summit Educational Service Center

1. Serve as the fiscal agent for all funds awarded by the grantor.
2. Identify and select the school districts in which BHW Coordinators will be placed.
3. Facilitate the recruitment and hiring or contracting of BHW Coordinators.
4. Provide regular supervision and administrative oversight of the implementation of the Ohio School Wellness Initiative Student Assistance Program model in the selected school districts.
5. Facilitate ongoing Community of Practice meetings for established and new BHW Coordinators.
6. Lead the development and expansion of school-based wellness programs in Summit County school districts.
7. Support school districts in developing and implementing sustainability strategies to continue programs beyond the funding period.
8. Ensure BHW Coordinators have access to community resources and are embedded in the youth system of care.
9. Facilitate the implementation of UniteUs in the selected school districts.
10. Facilitate the implementation of Panorama screening in the selected school districts.
11. Ensure students who are screened at risk for substance use disorder are referred appropriately to Akron Children's Hospital substance use treatment program.

Mogadore Local School District

1. Implement the BHW Coordinator position and Student Assistant Programs to fidelity at the middle school and high school buildings.
2. Ensure the BHW Coordinator is not required or requested to perform job responsibilities that do not align with the BHW Coordinator job description or project scope of work.
3. Provide a workspace, work equipment (computer, keys, etc.), and necessary access to student information to the BHW Coordinator to successfully engage in job responsibilities.
4. Provide opportunities to the BHW Coordinator to engage with stakeholders and educate them about the Student Assistance Program (i.e. Board of Education, staff, community members).
5. Allow the BHW Coordinator to engage in professional development opportunities.
6. Engage in collaborative supervision of the BHW Coordinator with Summit Educational Service Center Wellness Initiatives Department.
7. Enroll in and utilize the UniteUs platform for data collection and social determinants of health tracking.
8. Deliver a Fall and Spring Panorama screening to all middle school and high school students.

9. Engage in sustainability planning with Summit Educational Service Center and other community partners to continue programming beyond the initial funding period.

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Summit Educational Service Center

Joseph Iacano

Representative Signature

Joseph J. Iacano Date 8/21/24

Superintendent

Date

Mogadore Local School District

John Knapp

Representative Signature

John Knapp 8/15/2024

Superintendent

Date

Memorandum of Understanding for Summit County Opiate Abatement Advisory Committee Behavioral Health & Wellness Coordinator Request for Proposal Response

This is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between *Summit Educational Service Center* and *Springfield Local School District*. This MOU is an agreement to execute the Ohio School Wellness Initiative and Behavioral Health and Wellness Coordinator (BHW Coordinator).

Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to maintain a formal, contractual partnership between key identified partners to assist in planning and embedding three new BHW Coordinators and support the implementation of Ohio's Student Assistance Program model. This formal partnership will support the BHW Coordinator who will provide leadership and direction to overall school behavioral health prevention and wellness efforts, including alignment of school-based strategies and demonstrating the impact of the initiative.

Term

This MOU shall begin on **9/1/2024** and extend through **6/30/2026**.

Duties of Each Partner

Summit Educational Service Center

1. Serve as the fiscal agent for all funds awarded by the grantor.
2. Identify and select the school districts in which BHW Coordinators will be placed.
3. Facilitate the recruitment and hiring or contracting of BHW Coordinators.
4. Provide regular supervision and administrative oversight of the implementation of the Ohio School Wellness Initiative Student Assistance Program model in the selected school districts.
5. Facilitate ongoing Community of Practice meetings for established and new BHW Coordinators.
6. Lead the development and expansion of school-based wellness programs in Summit County school districts.
7. Support school districts in developing and implementing sustainability strategies to continue programs beyond the funding period.
8. Ensure BHW Coordinators have access to community resources and are embedded in the youth system of care.
9. Facilitate the implementation of UniteUs in the selected school districts.
10. Facilitate the implementation of Panorama screening in the selected school districts.
11. Ensure students who are screened at risk for substance use disorder are referred appropriately to Akron Children's Hospital substance use treatment program.

Springfield Local School District

1. Implement the BHW Coordinator position and Student Assistant Programs to fidelity at the middle school and high school buildings.
2. Ensure the BHW Coordinator is not required or requested to perform job responsibilities that do not align with the BHW Coordinator job description or project scope of work.
3. Provide a workspace, work equipment (computer, keys, etc.), and necessary access to student information to the BHW Coordinator to successfully engage in job responsibilities.
4. Provide opportunities to the BHW Coordinator to engage with stakeholders and educate them about the Student Assistance Program (i.e. Board of Education, staff, community members).
5. Allow the BHW Coordinator to engage in professional development opportunities.
6. Engage in collaborative supervision of the BHW Coordinator with Summit Educational Service Center Wellness Initiatives Department.
7. Enroll in and utilize the UniteUs platform for data collection and social determinants of health tracking.
8. Deliver a Fall and Spring Panorama screening to all middle school and high school students.

9. Engage in sustainability planning with Summit Educational Service Center and other community partners to continue programming beyond the initial funding period.

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Summit Educational Service Center

Joseph Iacano

Representative Signature

Joseph J. Iacano 8/21/24

Superintendent

Date

Springfield Local School District

Shelley Monachino

Representative Signature

Shelley Monachino 8/20/24

Superintendent

Date

Memorandum of Understanding for Summit County Opiate Abatement Advisory Committee Behavioral Health & Wellness Coordinator Request for Proposal Response

This is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between **Summit Educational Service Center** and **Stow-Munroe Falls City School District**. This MOU is an agreement to execute the Ohio School Wellness Initiative and Behavioral Health and Wellness Coordinator (BHW Coordinator).

Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to maintain a formal, contractual partnership between key identified partners to assist in planning and embedding three new BHW Coordinators and support the implementation of Ohio's Student Assistance Program model. This formal partnership will support the BHW Coordinator who will provide leadership and direction to overall school behavioral health prevention and wellness efforts, including alignment of school-based strategies and demonstrating the impact of the initiative.

Term

This MOU shall begin on **9/1/2024** and extend through **6/30/2026**.

Duties of Each Partner

Summit Educational Service Center

1. Serve as the fiscal agent for all funds awarded by the grantor.
2. Identify and select the school districts in which BHW Coordinators will be placed.
3. Facilitate the recruitment and hiring or contracting of BHW Coordinators.
4. Provide regular supervision and administrative oversight of the implementation of the Ohio School Wellness Initiative Student Assistance Program model in the selected school districts.
5. Facilitate ongoing Community of Practice meetings for established and new BHW Coordinators.
6. Lead the development and expansion of school-based wellness programs in Summit County school districts.
7. Support school districts in developing and implementing sustainability strategies to continue programs beyond the funding period.
8. Ensure BHW Coordinators have access to community resources and are embedded in the youth system of care.
9. Facilitate the implementation of UniteUs in the selected school districts.
10. Facilitate the implementation of Panorama screening in the selected school districts.
11. Ensure students who are screened at risk for substance use disorder are referred appropriately to Akron Children's Hospital substance use treatment program.

Stow-Munroe Falls City School District

1. Implement the BHW Coordinator position and Student Assistant Programs to fidelity at the middle school and high school buildings.
 2. Ensure the BHW Coordinator is not required or requested to perform job responsibilities that do not align with the BHW Coordinator job description or project scope of work.
 3. Provide a workspace, work equipment (computer, keys, etc.), and necessary access to student information to the BHW Coordinator to successfully engage in job responsibilities.
 4. Provide opportunities to the BHW Coordinator to engage with stakeholders and educate them about the Student Assistance Program (i.e. Board of Education, staff, community members).
 5. Allow the BHW Coordinator to engage in professional development opportunities.
 6. Engage in collaborative supervision of the BHW Coordinator with Summit Educational Service Center Wellness Initiatives Department.
 7. Enroll in and utilize the UniteUs platform for data collection and social determinants of health tracking.
 8. Deliver a Fall and Spring Panorama screening to all middle school and high school students.
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9. Engage in sustainability planning with Summit Educational Service Center and other community partners to continue programming beyond the initial funding period.

This agreement shall be subject to all applicable provisions of state and federal law and regulations related to the delivery and funding of social service.

Summit Educational Service Center

Joseph Iacano
Representative Signature

Joseph Iacano 8.29.24
Superintendent Date

**Stow-Munroe Falls City School
District**

Dr. Felisha Gould
Representative Signature

Dr. Felisha Gould 8/29/24
Superintendent Date