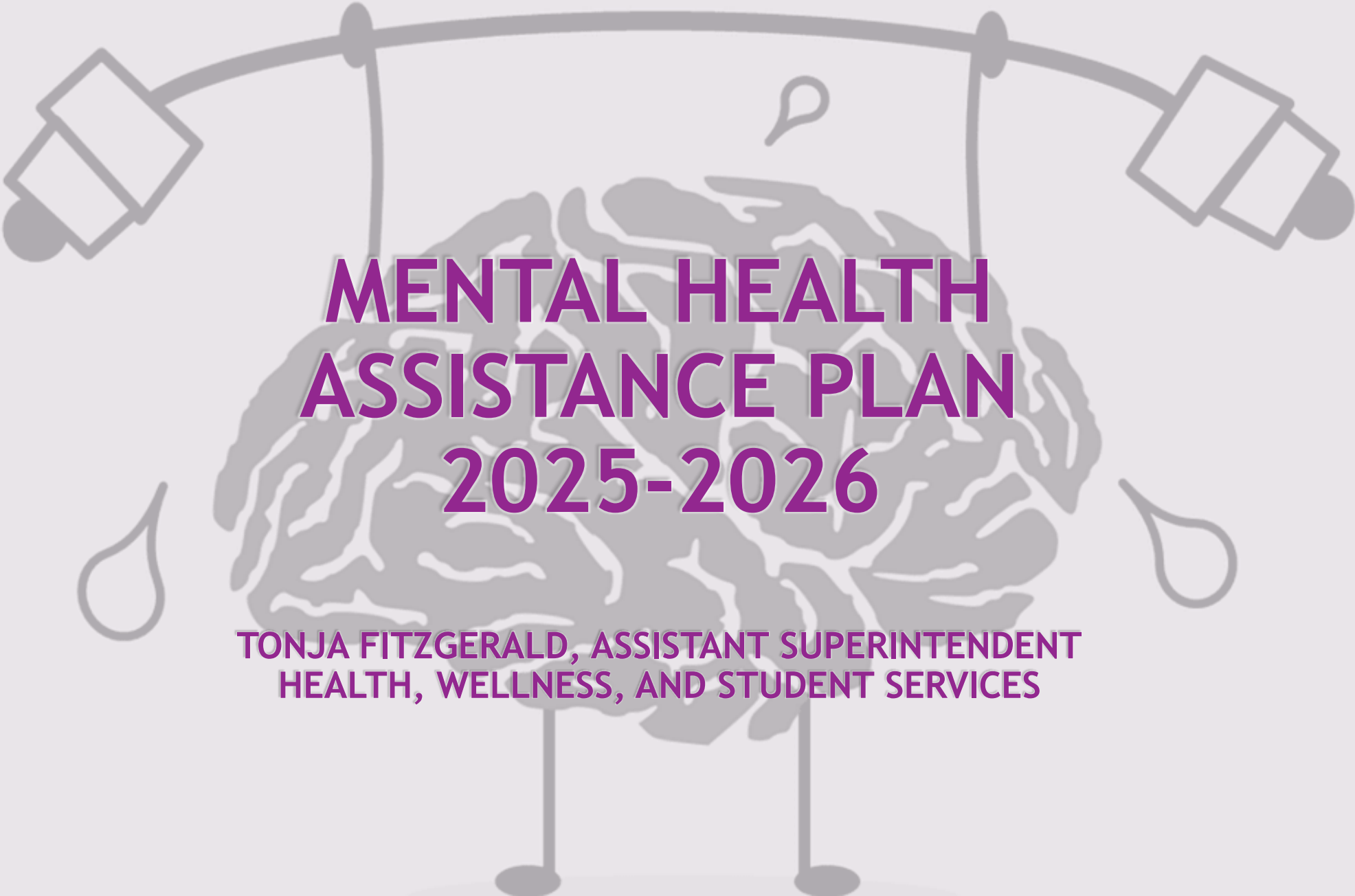


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MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE PLAN 2025-2026

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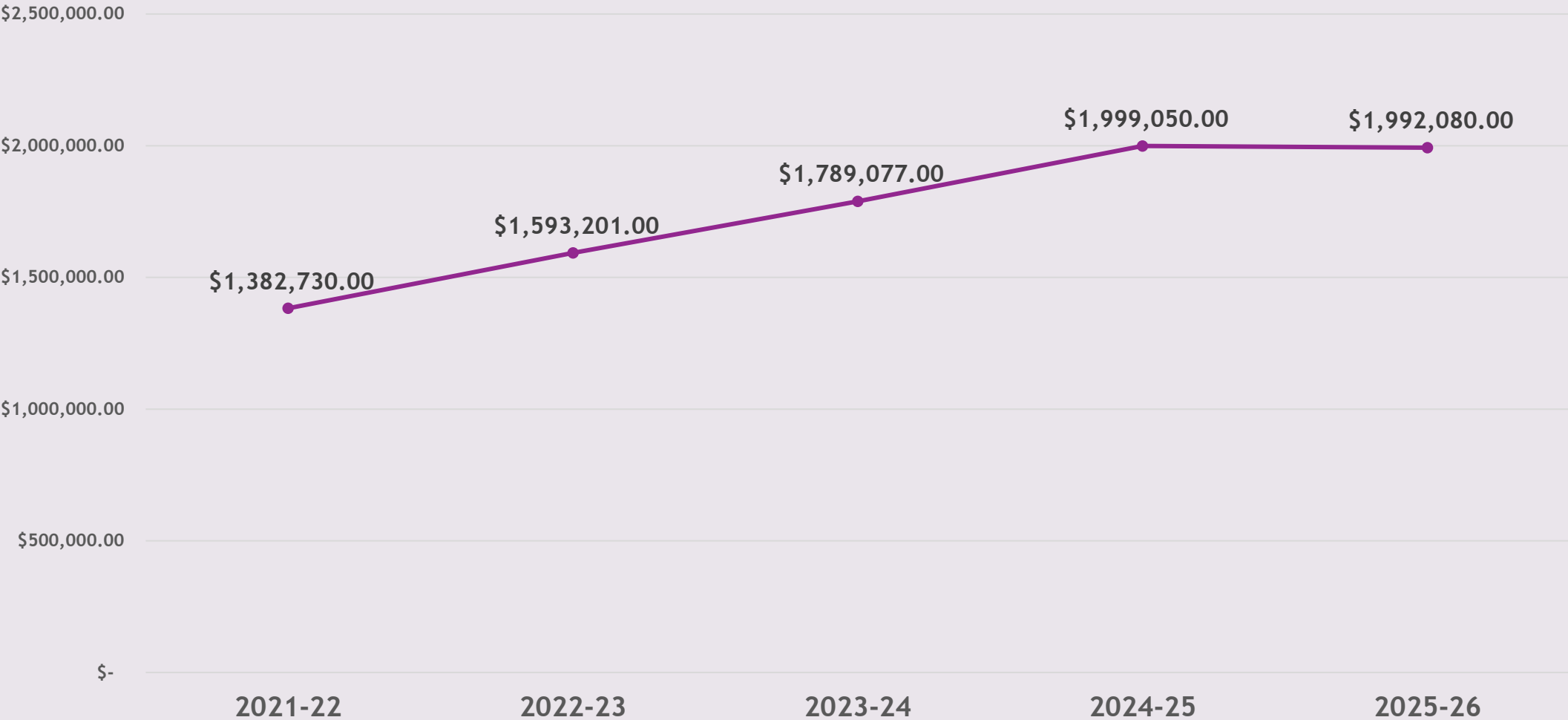
2025-2026 ALLOCATION

\$1,992,080

Pursuant to Florida Statutes (F.S.) sections 1011.62 and 1006.041, every school district is required to develop and implement a comprehensive, multi-tiered Mental Health Assistance Plan. The plan serves to:

- Assist districts in establishing or expanding access to school-based mental health services.
- Provide training for educators and other school personnel to help them identify and respond to students' mental health concerns.
- Ensure that children, youth, and their families are connected with appropriate behavioral health services.

Mental Health Allocation



A. ASSIST DISTRICTS IN ESTABLISHING OR EXPANDING SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH CARE

1

DIRECT EMPLOYMENT OF DISTRICT STAFF

Certified School Social Worker

Certified School Psychologists

Licensed Mental Health Professionals (MHAA)

2

POLICIES/PROCEDURES

[Mental Health Services \(Policy 2410.10\)](#)

[Suicide Prevention, Awareness & Screening \(Policy 5350\)](#)

[School Safety and Security \(Policy 8405\)](#)

- Timelines of Services
- Parent/Household Notification
- De-escalation
- Mental Health Professional Involvement

SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS

	School Social Workers	School Psychologists	Licensed Mental Health Providers
2025-26	27	17	3
2024-25	29	17	2
2023-24	29	17	2
2022-23	29	17	0
2021-22	16	17	0
2025-26 Total Cost of Mental Health Program: \$4,041,900 MHAA (49%) General Funds (51%)			

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- The Apalachee Center - MRT / CAT /The Bradley Reach Program
- Big Bend Hospice - Youth Grief Counseling, individual and group on the school campus. (Community Partnership)
- Capital City Youth Services - Individual and group counseling on the school campus. (Community Partnership)
- Children's Home Society
- Council on the Status of Men and Boys (interagency agreement)
- DISC Village, INC. - Wellness Specialists, individual and group programs on the school campus.
- DISC Village, INC. - Youth Counseling Services, individual counseling
- Florida A & M University S.M.A.R.T. Post-Suspension Intervention Services Program
- Florida State University Seminole STRIDES program - FSU Counseling Psychology and School Psychology PhD program
- HCA Florida Capital Hospital - Adolescent Intensive Outpatient Program
- Neighborhood Medical Center (Interagency agreement)
- Oasis for Girls (Interagency agreement)
- Panhandle Therapy Center, LLC.
- Perseverance Integrated Healthcare - Individual and group counseling

B. TRAINING ON HOW TO IDENTIFY & RESPOND

Youth Mental Health First Aid

Trauma Informed Practices

Suicide risk & threat assessment training

Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS)

Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools

Support for Students Exposed to Trauma

LCS Community Support Resources

Apalachee Mobile Response: 800.342.0774

LCS Safety & Security Center: 850.922.KIDS (5437)

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 988

Crisis Response & Stabilization

Apalachee (Evaluation & Admissions) 2634 Capital Circle N. E. 850.523.3333 Ext 7 www.apalacheecenter.org	TMH-Behavioral Health Direct Admissions 1616 Physicians Dr. 850.431.3872 www.tmh.org/behavioral	HCA Adolescent Intensive Outpatient Program 850.325.5750 www.hcafloridahealthcare.com/
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Grief/Loss Counseling

Big Bend Hospice* 850.878.5310 www.bigbendhospice.org	Covenant Care Hospice 850.575.4998 www.choosecovenant.org/tag/tallahassee	Lee's Place 850.841.7733 https://leesplace.org/
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Community Counseling

211 Big Bend Call 211 or 850.617.6333 www.211bigbend.org	A Better Way Counseling 850.425.5025 www.abetterwaytally.com	A Time to Change Counseling 850.926.1900 www.atimetochangecounselingcenter.com
Camelot Community Care* 850.561.8060 www.camelotcommunitycare.org	Capital City Youth Services (CCYS)* 850.576.6000 www.ccys.org	Community Wellness Counseling * 850.643.1033 www.cwcscbehavioralhealth.com
DISC Village* 850.575.4025 https://discvillage.org/pages/services/youth/youth.html	Elite DNA Behavioral Health 850.671.4600 https://elitedna.com/locations/tallahassee/	Families First of Florida* 813.290.8560 ext 700 https://www.familiesfirstfl.com/
Florida Therapy Services* 850.681.6001 www.flatherapy.com	FSU Behavioral Center @ Apalachee 850.644.6543 option 2 https://med.fsu.edu/fsubehavioralhealthapalacheecenter/home	Neighborhood Medical Center 850-300-7262 www.neighborhoodmedicalcenter.org/mental-health
Panhandle Therapy Center* 850.674.8888 https://panhandletherapycenter.com/	Solution Skills Inc.* 850.681.6543 www.solutionskills.com	Turn About* 850.671.1920 www.turnabout.org

* Providers who have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Leon County Schools and can serve a student at school during a mutually agreed upon.

C. COORDINATION OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES



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