



Behavioral Health Student Services Act Substance Use Disorder Amendment Summary

The Behavioral Health Student Services Act (BHSSA) Substance Use Disorder (SUD) amendment provides funding to expand, enhance, and/or extend existing SUD supports. The aim is to increase access to and awareness of both school-based and community-based SUD supports, including resource linkage and navigation within the Local Education Agencies and TCMHA's behavioral health continuum of care.

Components of TCMHA's BHSSA SUD amendment include:

- Training and professional development
 - o At least two opportunities on SUD-related content/subject matter
 - o To be made available to TCMHA staff and school and community partner personnel
- School and community partnerships
 - o Sub-grant opportunity for partner schools and community organizations to engage and provide services and education about SUD supports to student and youth populations
 - o Focus populations: youth who identify as LGBTQ+, youth in foster care, and/or youth who have been suspended or expelled
- Outreach and awareness community campaign
 - o Be Kind to Your Mind
 - o Build awareness for youth and adults to know what SUD services and supports are available for them at school and in the community
 - o Virtual and in-person presentations
 - o Social media promotion
- Awareness surveys
 - o Target groups: students through selected sub-grant partner projects and adults who attend SUD training/professional development and community campaign presentations
 - o Baseline assessment to be completed followed by post-activity/intervention survey completed by the same group of people
 - o Collection of survey results