



Integration of Schools and Mental Health Systems Grant

Interagency Agreement

We, the undersigned officials, on behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education as Lead Agency, and the Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health, the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice, and the Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership, as Collaborating Entities, are strongly committed to the integration of school and mental health systems as a critical strategy for promoting the mental health and well-being of all Illinois students. To that end, we hereby agree to collaborate together to complete the work proposed under the Illinois State Board of Education application to the U.S. Department of Education for funds under the Grants for Integration of Schools and Mental Health Systems programs, and to ensure the success of the project.

Specifically, we agree to work together to use federal funds under the grant to:

1. Build state interagency coordination and collaboration among school, mental health providers, and other child-serving systems as a critical strategy for promoting the mental health of Illinois students.
2. Build local interagency coordination and collaboration among school, mental health providers, and other child-serving systems as a critical strategy for promoting the mental health of Illinois students.
3. Develop outcome goals and data collection methods across agencies (local and state).
4. Provide professional development, training, technical assistance, and networking to improve coordinated delivery and evaluation of best practices, culturally competent services for students with mental health needs.
5. Provide financial support to school districts and community agencies, as funding appropriations allow, for programs and activities that support the social and emotional development and mental health of students in the state of Illinois.
6. Ensure that policies and procedures address parental or caregiver consent pursuant to Illinois state law are followed.
7. Develop and implement policies that support collaboration and coordination related to the integration of schools and mental health systems.

This agreement will become effective with signatures of the State Superintendent of Education; the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services; the Director of the Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health; the Acting Director of the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice; and the Chair of the Illinois Children’s Mental Health Partnership; and shall continue from year to year unless any responsible party notifies the others, in writing, that the agreement will be canceled or terminated. A sixty (60)-day notice shall be given prior to termination.

Any proposed amendment or modification shall be submitted to the other parties at least thirty (30) days prior to a formal discussion or negotiation on the issue. Agency heads or their duly authorized representatives must concur on any amendments.

_____ Signature	_____ Date
Christopher Koch Superintendent Illinois State Board of Education	

_____ Signature	_____ Date
Carol L. Adams Secretary Illinois Department of Human Services	

_____ Signature	_____ Date
Lorrie Rickman Jones Director Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health	

_____ Signature	_____ Date
Kurt C. Friedenauer Acting Director Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice	

_____ Signature	_____ Date
Barbara Shaw Chair Illinois Children’s Mental Health Partnership	