# Utah School-Based Health & Well-being Programs

Presentation to the Education & Mental Health Coordinating Council







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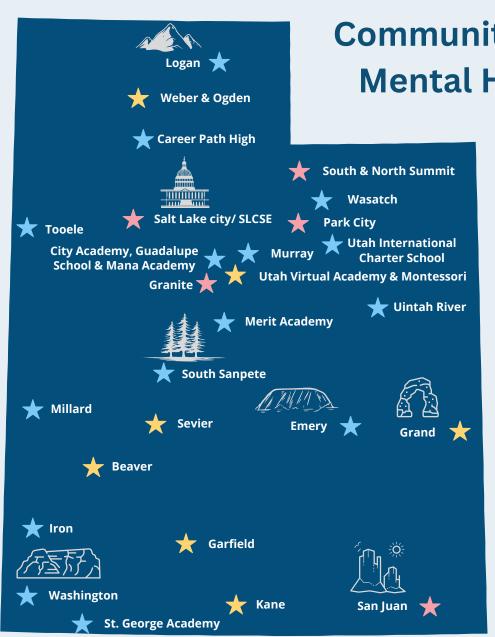




## Project Updates & Best Practices

## Utah School Mental Health Collaborative

#### Multi-tiered Mental Health Model in Schools



## Community, State, & Local Mental Health Partners



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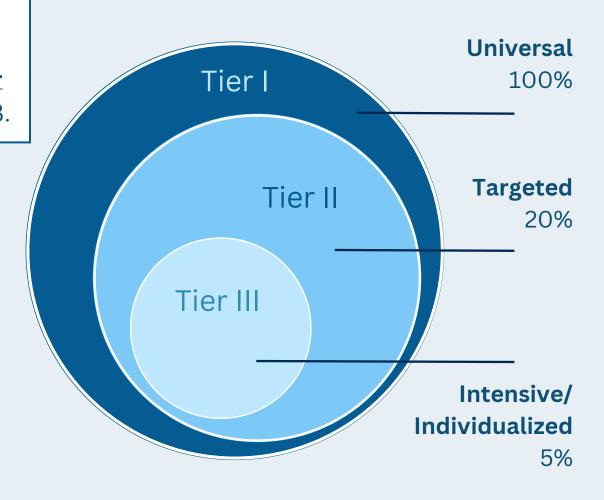




# Tier 1 strategies should be implemented for all students consistently **prior** to strategies for Tiers 2 or 3.

Tier 2 and 3 supports are provided in addition to - not instead of - Tier 1 instruction

#### **Systems of Support**





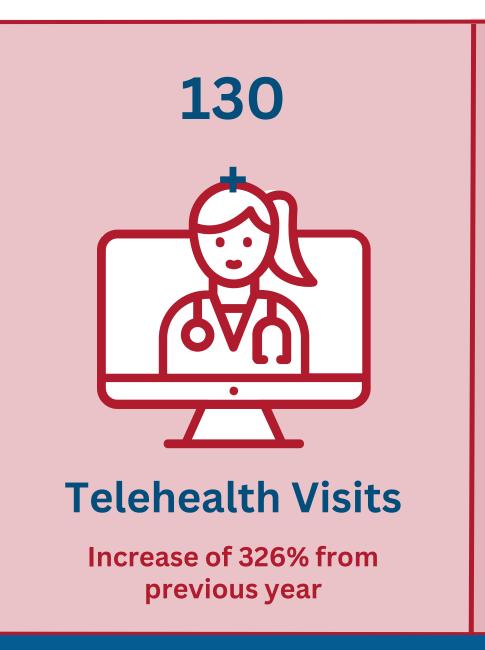
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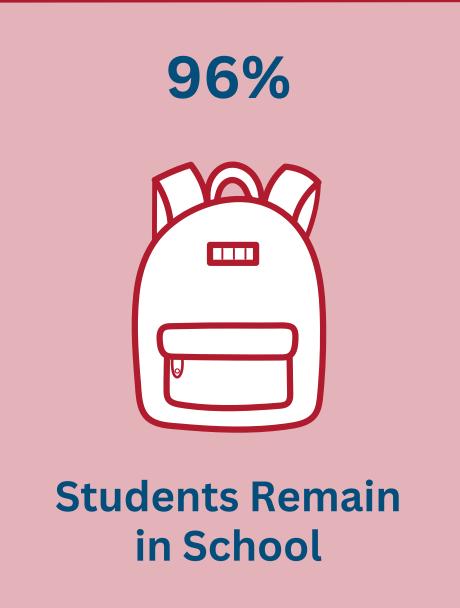


#### WCSD 2023-2024 End of School Year Data:









## SBTH Attendance Impact



5,500 days



of education saved in 2023-24

Students stay in the classroom and receive the education needed.

Aides in reducing teacher stress from playing "catch-up" for students who are missing classroom time.

**Employees may participate in the SBTH program** 

Saves missed days of work and decreased need for substitute teachers

Chronic absenteeism is linked to a 4-7x increase in high school dropout rates

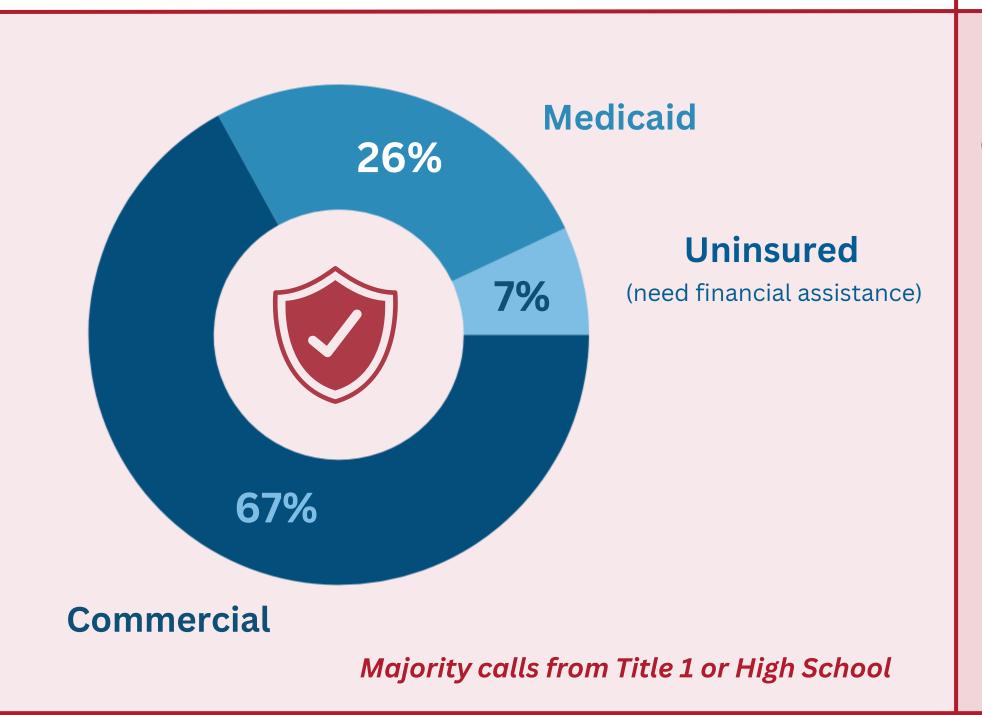


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#### Insurance

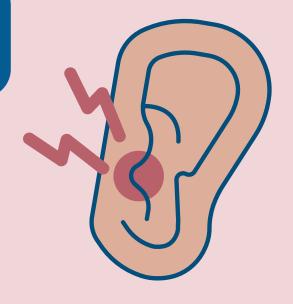
#### **Pediatric Health Conditions**



Connect Care Acute Virtual Care can see 16 of the top pediatric conditions seen in ED for \$69 while student in school.

Average cost of ED visit \$350-\$1000+ Pediatrician visit \$180+

Verbal Consent every TH call Written Consent annually



## Expansion SY 2024-25



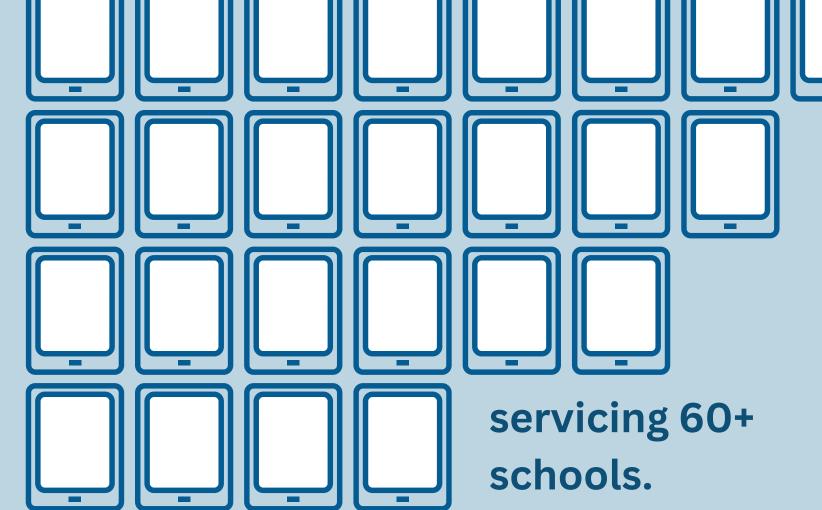
IH is collaborating with UETN to bring TH into all urban & rural schools who would like to participate.

#### Five new school districts

- Canyons
- Weber
- Garfield County
- Iron County(delayed start)
- Washington County
  - (delayed start)

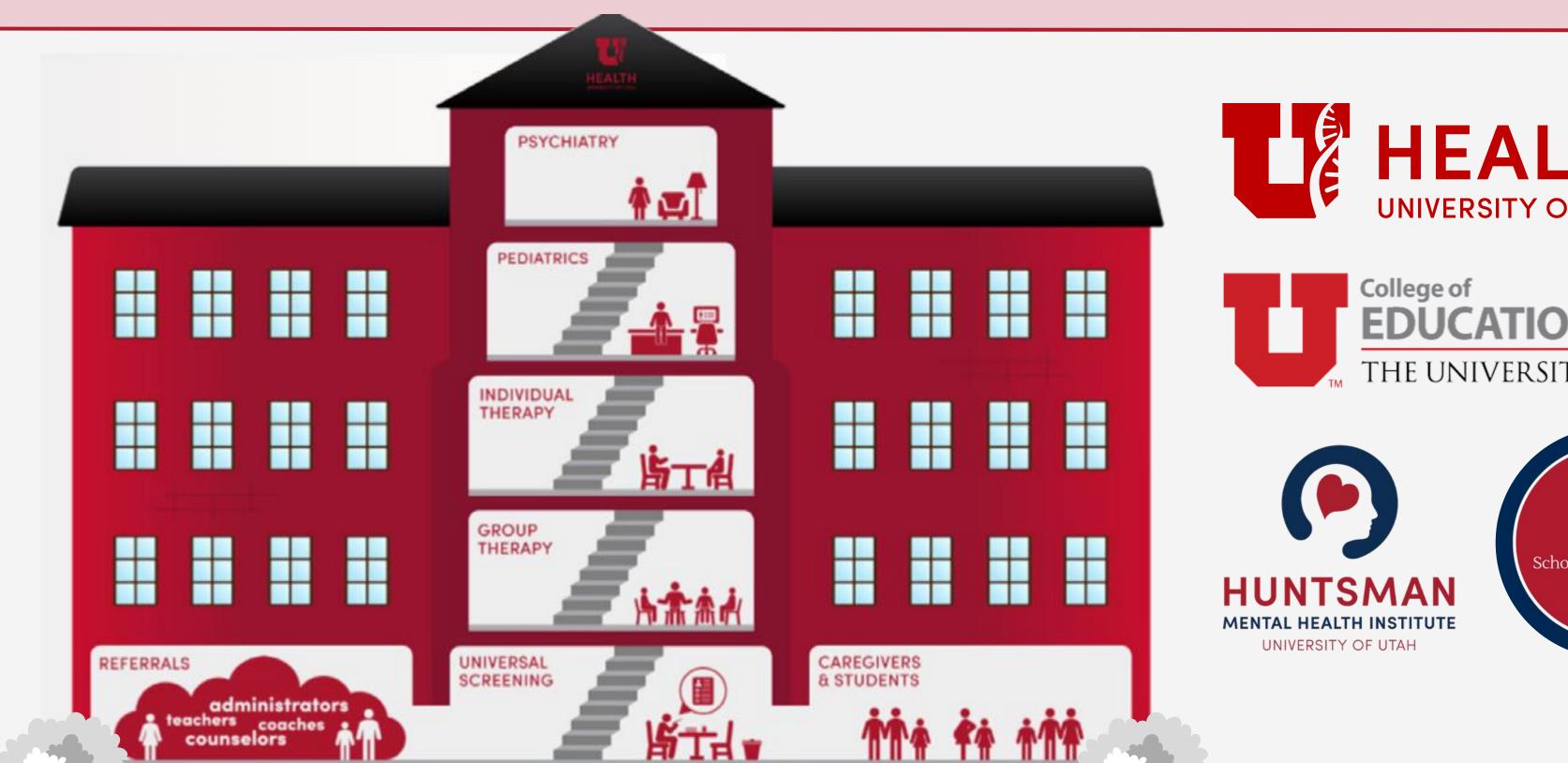
Expand TH services to include mental health through partnerships & expanded services

Total of 27 IH devices will be in use, plus 20 UETN devices



Anticipate a 300%-400% increase in TH calls for 2024-25 SY

## Integrated School-Based Health Supports



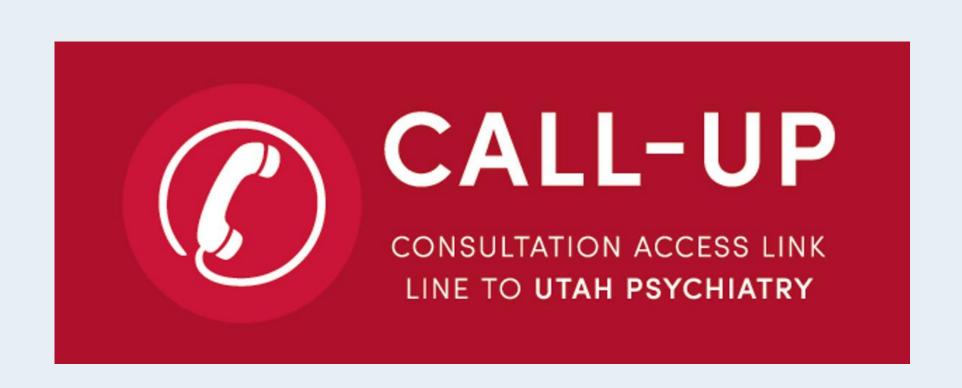






#### Partners in School-Based Continuum of Care

#### Call Up and SafeUT



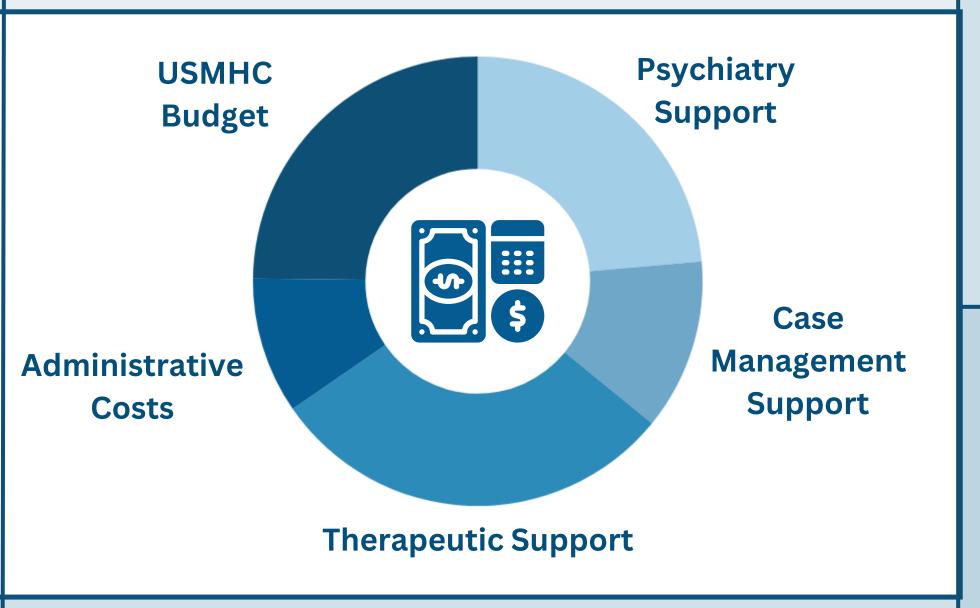






### Utah School Mental Health Collaborative

#### **USMHC Statewide Budget Summary**



**Total Combined Budget: \$7,077,200** 



**Student Groups** 



**Students** 

1,000

675

**Total Savings for 675,000 Students:** 

\$20,250,000 Annually



33,750 **Students**  \$400

\$13,500,000

**Total Savings** 

# Utah's Behavioral Health System-Level Issues

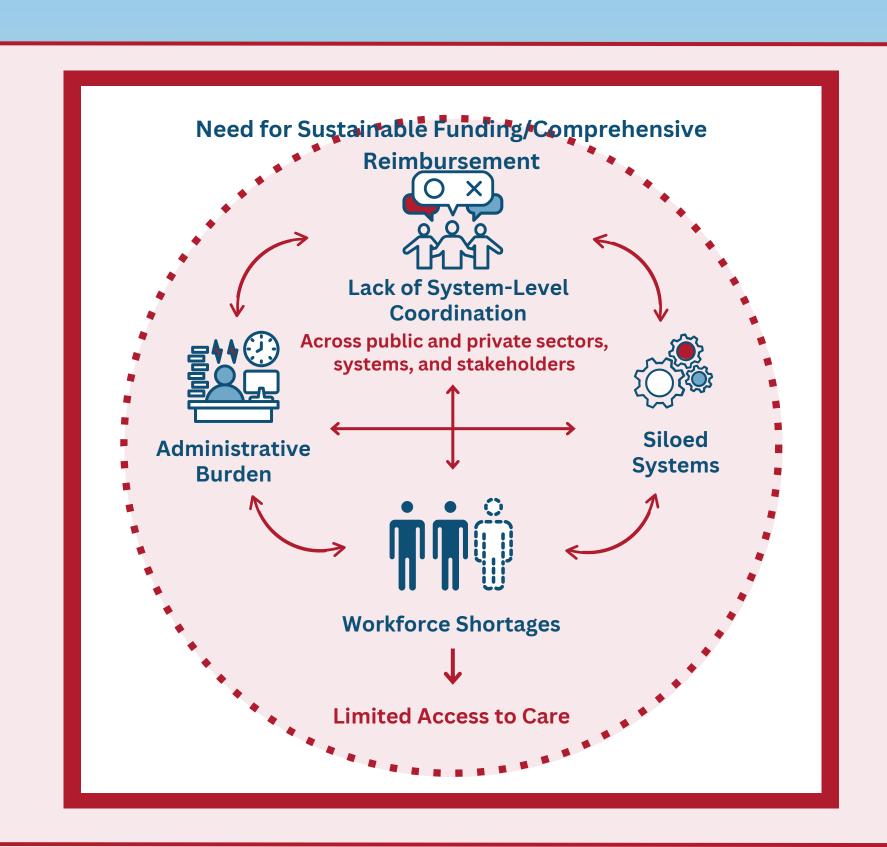
Low funding levels

Siloed approaches

**Delayed treatment outcomes** 

Increased administrative burden

**Exacerbated workforce shortages** 



#### Connection to Behavioral Health Master Plan

Integrate physical & behavioral health





Improve patient, family, & consumer navigation

Continue to build out Utah's behavioral health crisis & stabilization systems.



Improve the availability of services & supports for individuals with serious mental illness (SMI) & complex behavioral health needs & their families.

Strengthen behavioral health prevention & early intervention.





Expand, support, & diversify Utah's behavioral health workforce.





Support continued use, implementation, creation, & innovation of evidence-based interventions.

## Recommendations

## **SBTH Future Needs**

#### **Funding Needs**

**New Equipment** 

**In-Person Health Aides** 

**In-Person or Virtual School Nurses** 

**Annual Service Fee for Each Device** 



### Recommendations

#### **School Based Mental Health Programs**

#### Streamline

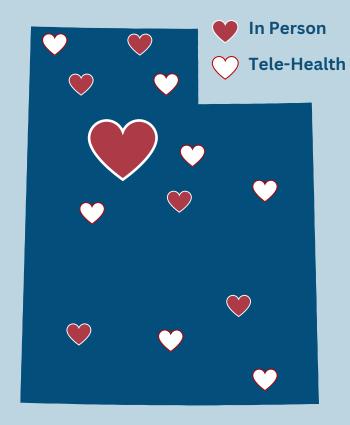


consent process

More brick and mortar clinics for high density communities

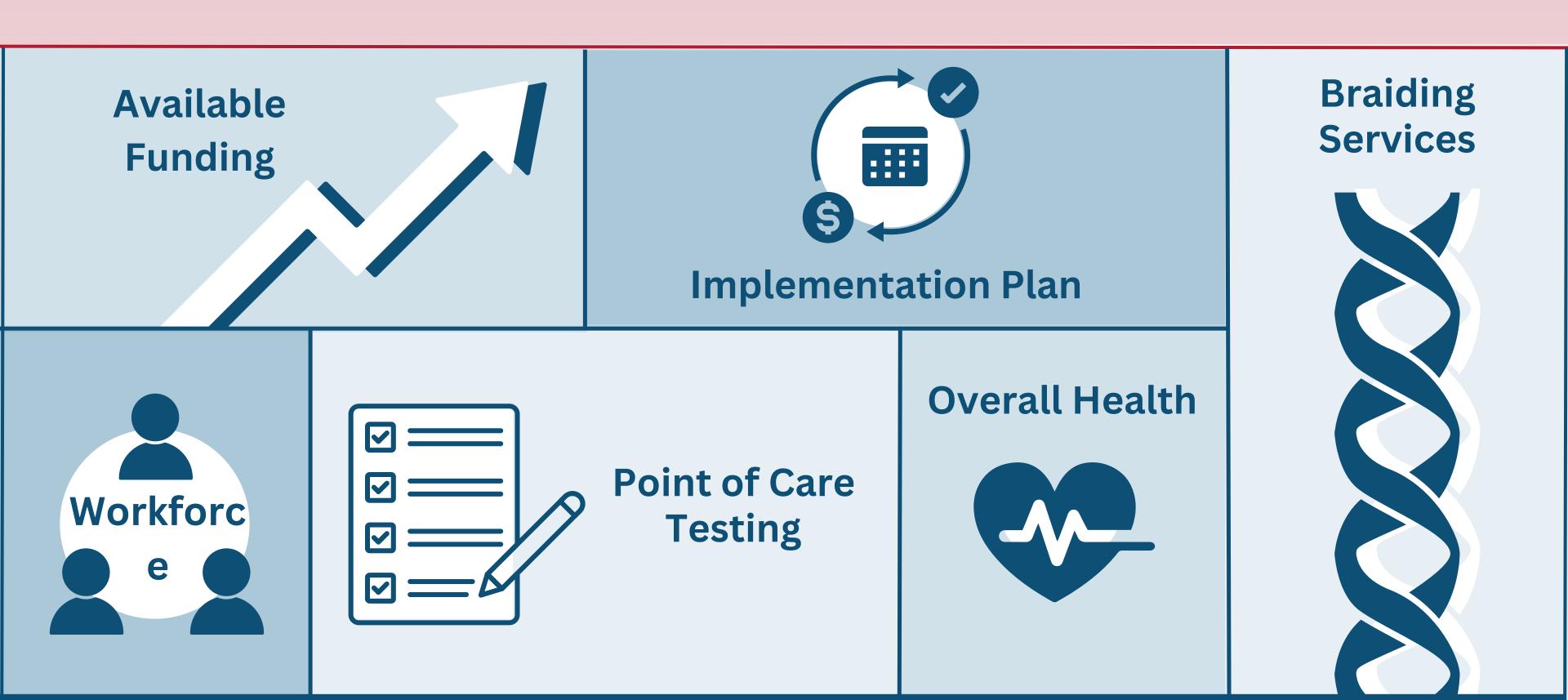


#### **Telehealth Supports**



Serving all Utah communities

## Student Mental Health Amendment Recommendations



# School Based Mental Health and Student Survey Bill Recommendations

HB 373, HB 413, and HB 182

Qualifying Personnel



District
Declaration
Timelines



**Funding Model** 



**Grant Period** 

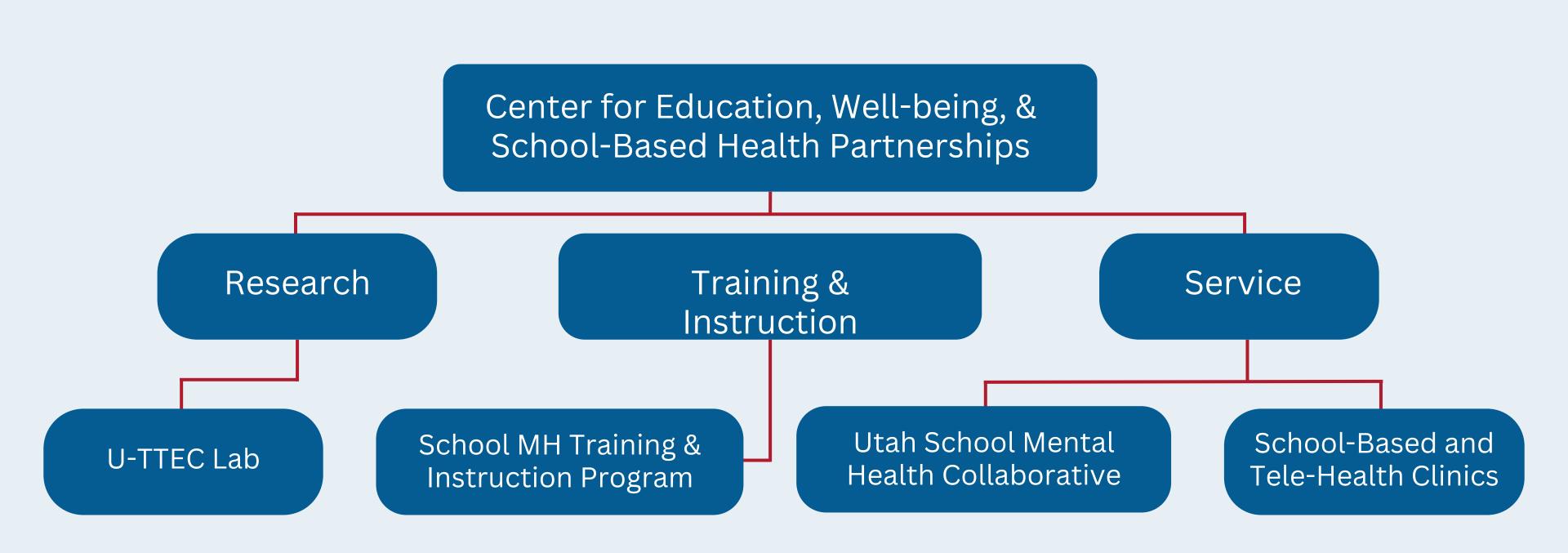


**Consent Conditions** 



## Partnership Coordination

## Proposed partnership between LEAs, communities, private business, USHE, and Utah State agencies



## **THANK YOU**

Any Questions?





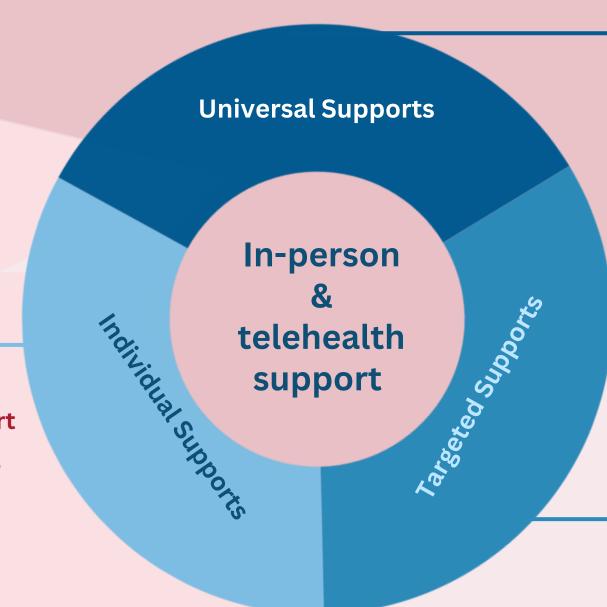




## Braiding In-Person & Telehealth Support

#### **Individual Supports**

- Targeted one-on-one sessions with students requiring additional MH support
- Address individual coping skills, anxiety, diagnosis, or conflicts
- HIPAA compliant telehealth visits
- Crisis avoidance and resources through in-person or telehealth platforms



#### **Universal Supports**

- School mental health screening
- Classroom and school wide supports or presentations
- Promotion of positive school climate
- Coordination of screening efforts
- Telehealth consultations and education options

#### **Targeted Supports**

- Social emotional learning groups for at-risk students
- In-person counselor/clinician meetings
- Tele-health coordination with student and family
- Risk assessments
- · Mindfulness, understanding emotions, problem solving,

### Recommendations and Projections for School Based Health Centers in Utah Education and Mental Health Coordinating Council September 2024

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