
SOLVAY UFSD

OMH GRANT AWARDED

Solvay UFSD has been awarded a 5-year grant from the Office of Mental Health (OMH) for a total of \$2,282,658 (\$456,531 per year). OMH offered this grant in light of the pandemic in order to increase the services and support for students with regards to mental health and dealing with trauma. This grant will allow Solvay to continue providing existing services and expand support.

The grant will be used to maintain two embedded county supports (Promise Zone Specialist at the Elementary School and district wide Family Support for Student Success person). The funding of these positions is shared between Onondaga County and the District. The District portion of these positions was previously funded through the 21st Century Grant. Additionally, the grant will fund several new district positions. Additionally, the OMH grant will expand these services through the addition of a Promise Zone

Specialist at the High School and another Family Support for Student Success worker district-wide.

The position of a district-wide Mental Health Liaison will be added. This person will act as Solvay's single point of contact for referrals to mental health services across the district, specifically in relation to the coordination of outside services within school services. This position will work as the out-facing liaison for Solvay working with area supports such as Golisano Children's Hospital and other facilities. When needed this person could also provide Tier II and III mental health and behavioral crisis intervention and assessments to support district student mental health staff.

The district will work with Peaceful Schools to get a district-wide Family Engagement and Education Training - Social Emotional Learning



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Interventionist. This person will be embedded in the district but be an employee of Peaceful Schools. This individual will provide PD to parents/guardians, caregivers, and families related to social-emotional learning development, skill development for caregiving, conflict resolution skills, identification of and seeking support for various mental health concerns (i.e depression, anxiety, suicidal ideations), mindfulness, etc. The day-to-day oversight

and facilitation of this grant and all the components will be done by the Coordinator of MTSS, Community Partnerships, and Mental Health.

While we are aware we have been awarded this grant the specific details about start date and access to the funds from OMH are not yet known. We hope to get all of the above up and running soon, but we have to wait for OMH to provide more information.