



Alaska Resiliency in Schools for Educational Success

Program Information

The Department of Education and Early Development's Health and Safety team, in partnership with Fairbanks North Star Borough School District and Fairbanks Community Mental Health/Alaska Child Trauma Center, was awarded a \$5 million five-year federal grant by the U.S. Department of Education to expand and deliver school based mental health services to students who are low income, academically struggling, and have experienced trauma.

The mission and purpose of this grant is to increase student wellness, adaptive student behavior, school safety and academic performance. In order to do this more effectively this grant will place five Mental Health Professionals in four schools to provide direct mental health services. The schools selected for the partnership include Lathrop High School, Ryan Middle School, Arctic Light Elementary, and Hunter Elementary. The funding enables a robust partnership to deliver school based mental health services, contribute to programming designed to create a more trauma engaged environment within the district's schools, and professional development.

AK RISES hopes to establish/develop long-term partnerships between FNSBSD and public mental health providers so that:

- school-aged children and youth and their families can benefit from increased access to school-based universal prevention and
- early intervention services
- as well as off-site more intensive community-based mental health services will be provided.

Parental Choice

Services will be delivered by Fairbanks Community Mental Health/ Alaska Child Trauma Center Mental Health Professionals

- ▶ Parents will have the ability to choose a different provider. The provider must:
 - ▶ Be licensed in the state
 - ▶ Offer secular, neutral, and non-ideological services as prescribed under this demonstration grant solicitation
 - ▶ Provide services that are consistent with those known to effectively treat trauma specific mental health conditions (training in trauma specific evidence-based treatment)