

# Colorado School Health Professional Grant Health and Wellness Unit



## Overview

The Colorado School Health Professional Grant (SHPG) Program supports state licensed school health professionals. The grant provides funds to eligible education providers to enhance the presence of school health professionals for elementary and secondary levels.

This grant program intends to increase the availability of school-based prevention, early intervention and health care services and programs for school-aged students:

- Increase the presence of licensed school health professionals to provide behavioral health education and intervention to students who are enrolled in elementary and secondary schools.
- Provide training and resources to school staff for the implementation of evidence-based programming for behavioral health education and care for all students.
- Allow school health professionals to connect students enrolled in elementary and secondary schools with services provided by community-based organizations for treatment and counseling.

## Background

School professionals are in a unique position to educate, assess and treat youth who have behavioral health needs. The Colorado School Health Professionals Grant Program, enacted by Senate Bill 14-215 was signed into law on June 6, 2014.

Since 2014, amendments have occurred to provide more flexibility for coordinated care.

### Senate Bill 14-215

This legislation specifies how sales tax dollars from retail marijuana will be spent:

*The bill creates the School Health Professional Grant program in the Department of Education to provide matching grants to education providers to enhance the presence of licensed school health professionals in elementary and secondary schools throughout the state and to facilitate better screening, education, and referral care coordination for elementary and secondary school students to support behavioral health needs.*

**To learn more, including a funded grantees list for each active cohort use this QR Code:**



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