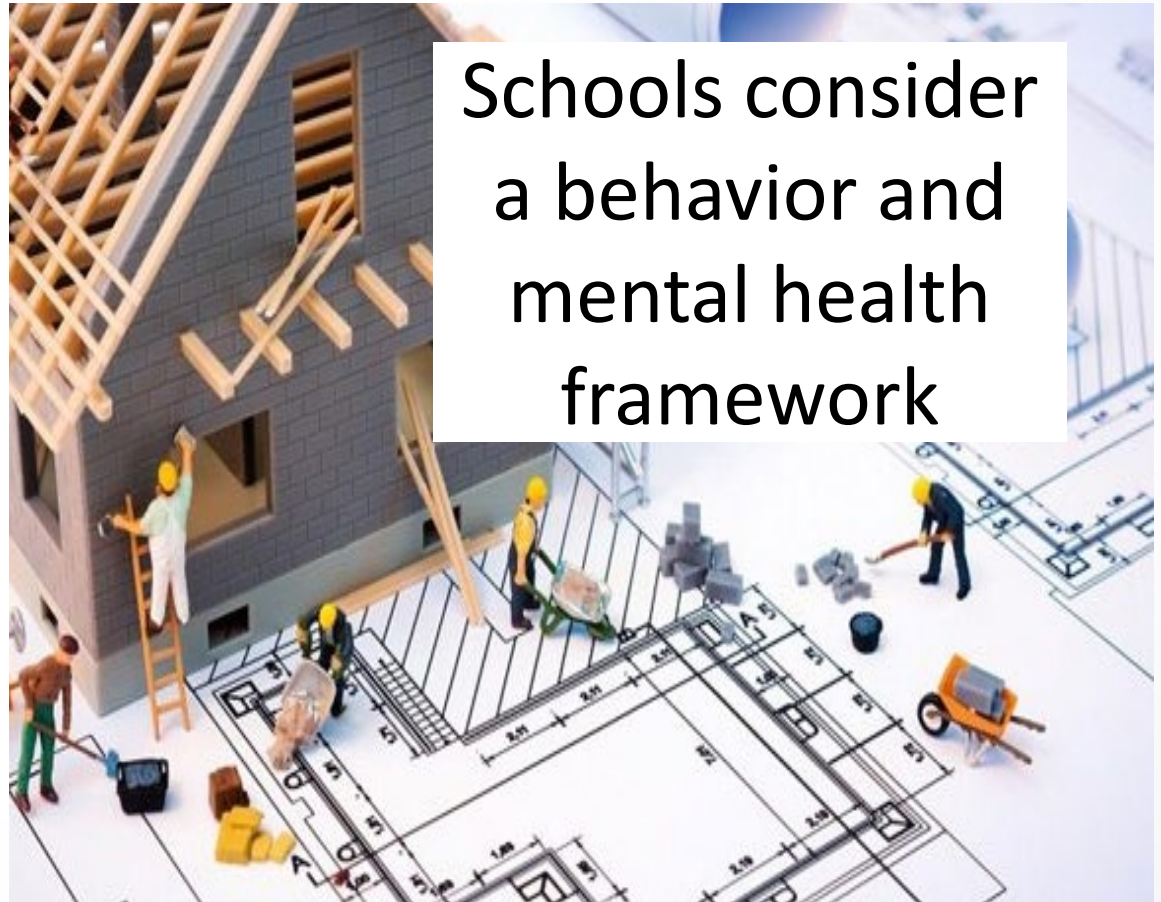


Tiered Programming Update SD Project AWARE

May 6, 2020
JJPSI Act
Oversight Council
Meeting



Schools consider
a behavior and
mental health
framework

Jacquie Larson, DOE Director of Accreditation, Certification and Data Management

What are we seeing?

1. Essential Project AWARE main partnership is with the Department of Social Services – Division of Behavioral Health.



2. Strategically designed partnerships are possible.

- Bring in the experts to learn how the school operates to provide services.

[Project AWARE DOE website](#)

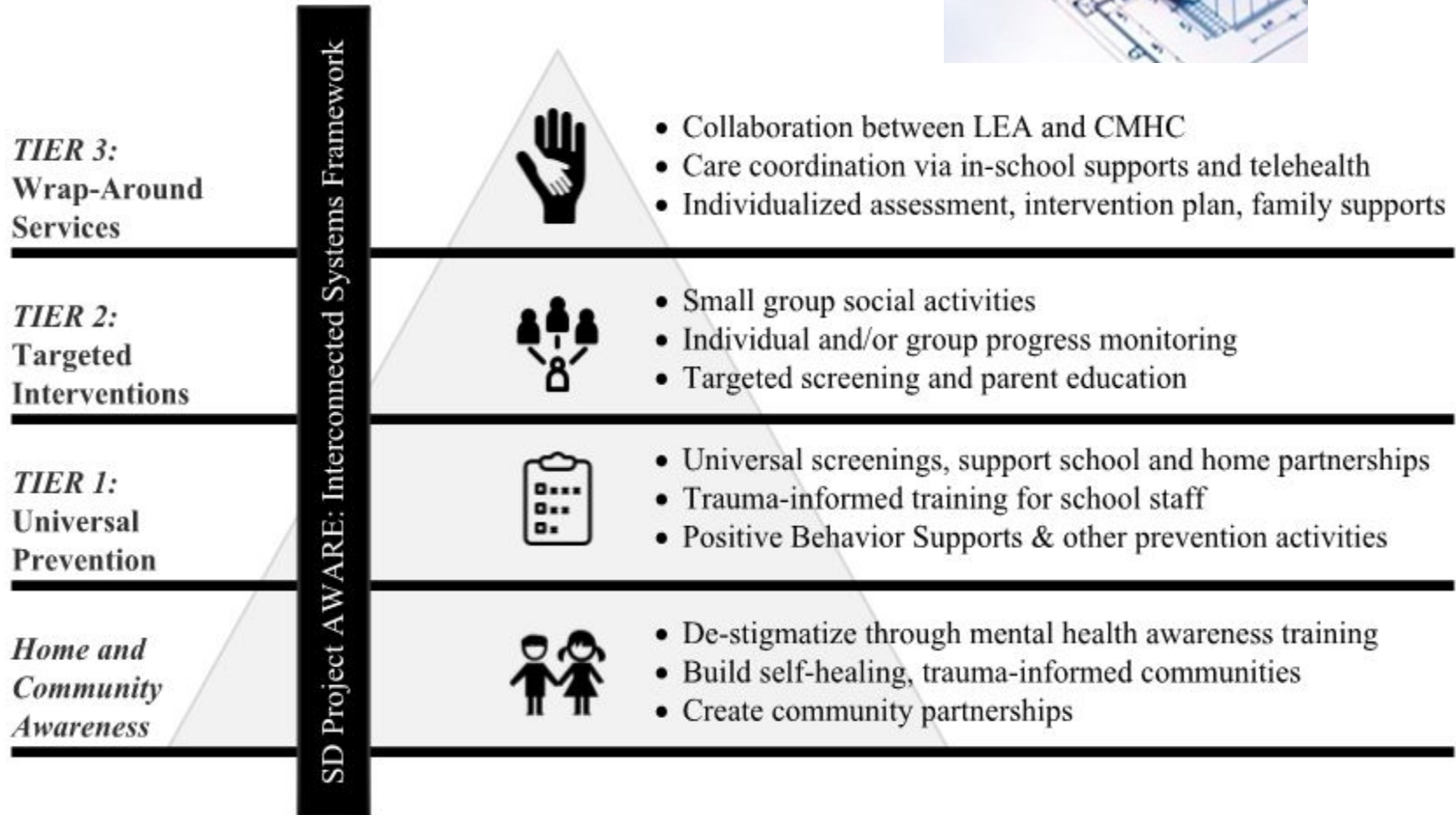
3. An educator as lead person for the school is essential with mental health services implementation. It takes a whole school, community planned approach.

- Take the time to frame a plan.

[Project Year One - Baseline Data and Narrative Report](#)



Review Framework



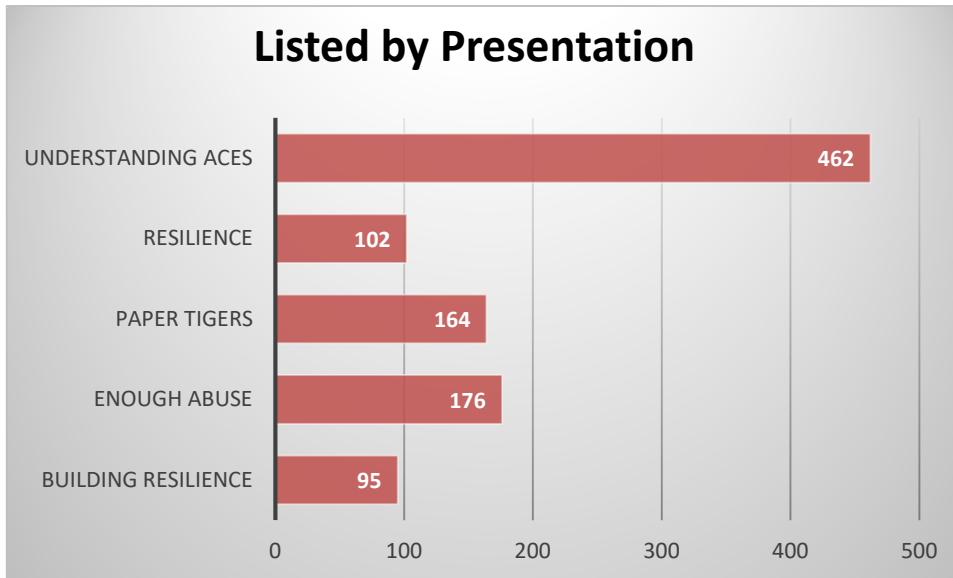
Project AWARE Goals



- Increase and improve access to mental health services for school-aged youth across South Dakota through partnerships with school districts, educational cooperatives, and community mental health centers
- Equip educational professionals with the tools necessary to recognize and respond to behavioral health issues among their students through multi-tiered systems of support
- Conduct outreach and engagement with school aged-youth and their families to promote positive mental health and increase awareness of mental health issues.
- Help youth develop skills that promote resilience, destigmatize mental health, and increase self- and peer awareness of mental health issues

Snapshot of Goal 2

Project AWARE Goal 2 Example for equipping educational professionals



Trauma-Informed Communities

- Total **999** Educators and Staff
- 12/1/2019 - 3/9/2020
- Fourteen school districts

Presentations through the contract with of Children's Home Society and the Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment

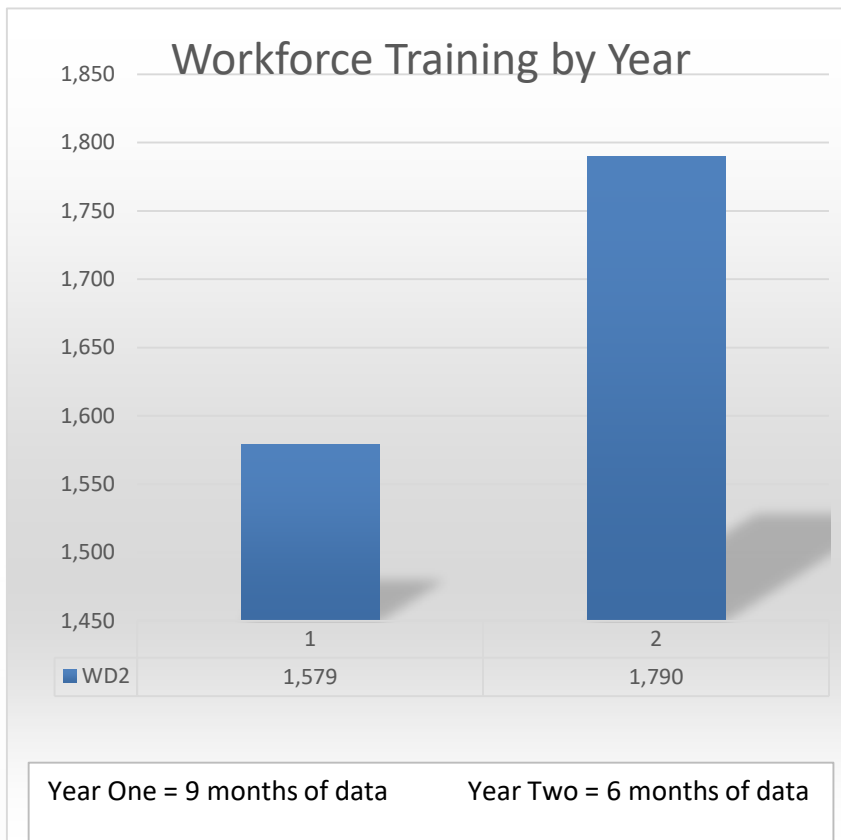
Year One and Year Two listing of nine other programs available, which build professional capacity through training about behavior and mental health may be found on the DOE website



<https://doe.sd.gov/mentalhealth/documents/ProjectAWARE-Yr1.pdf>

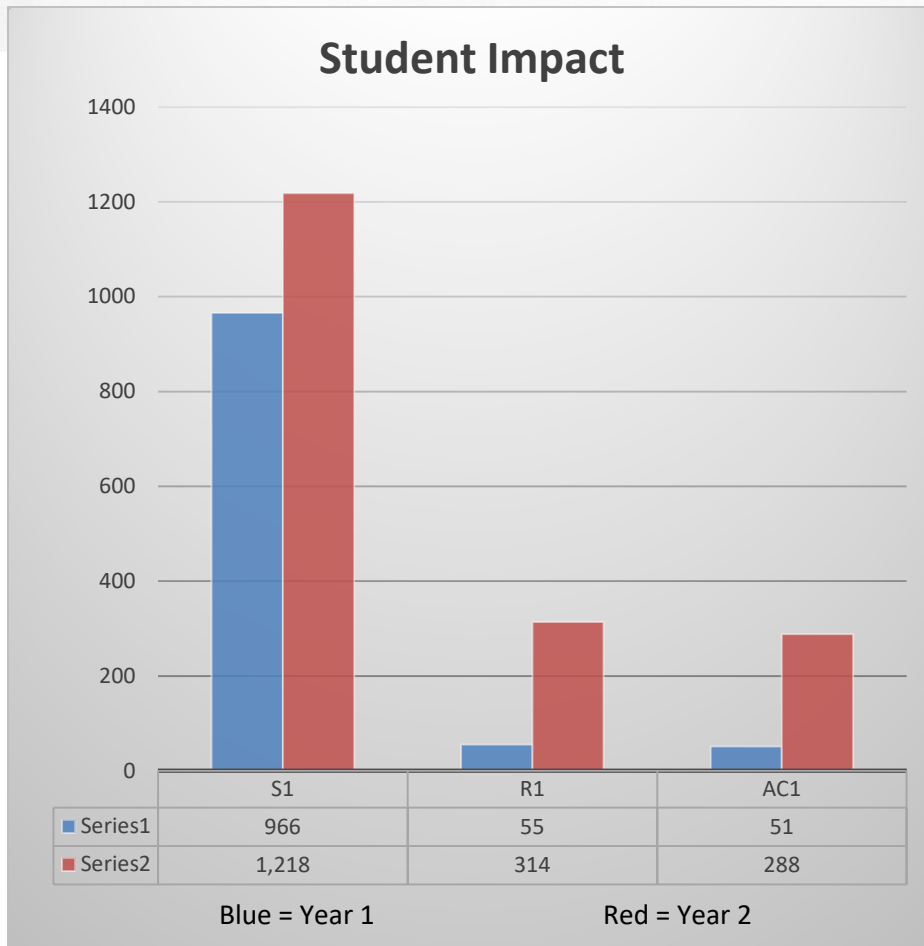
SPARS Reporting Overview

Indicator WD2: The number of people in MH and related workforce trained in MH-related practices/activities that are consistent with the goals of the grant.



Examples:

- Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA)
 - Six new certified state trainers fall 2019 and statewide district access available to eight-hour training
- SD National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
 - One hour interactive presentations for educators
- Trauma-informed Communities (Previous slide)



Indicator **S1**: The number of students receiving an informal or formal assessment to determine if they are at risk for a MH-related concern and may need of specific MH--related intervention(s), e.g., universal, Tier 1, or Tier 2 intervention.

Indicator **R1**: The number of individuals referred to mental health or related services.

Indicator **AC1**: The number and percentage of individuals receiving mental health or related services after referral. (Tier 3)

Year 2 data was October 2019 – March 2020 before the COVID-19 response.