

# **South Carolina Department of Mental Health**

## **School Based Mental Health**

### **Budget Suggestions**

**FY 14**

1. If DMH receives an additional \$1 million dollars for School Based Mental Health (SBMH) services, we project an additional 19 positions in South Carolina's schools in addition to operating and travel.
2. This is based on an estimated budget of \$48,093 per position to include salary and fringe.
3. An additional 1,300 children could receive services through this initiative.
4. We estimate this additional funding would place us in approximately 40% of South Carolina's schools.
5. Our Best Practice model is to have one clinician per school; however schools in close proximity may be able to share a therapist to maximize resources.
6. We would place two clinicians in schools in the Catawba mental health Center area. (York, Lancaster and Chester Counties), Spartanburg Mental Health Center, (Spartanburg, Union, and Cherokee), and Waccamaw

Mental Health Center, (Georgetown, Horry and Williamsburg).

7. The location of the other 13 positions would be in areas in which we serve a very low percentage of schools as well as rural areas in which transportation is a concern.
8. In FY- 2012, SCDMH served approximately 37% of the schools in South Carolina with 13, 950 children receiving services in approximately 390 schools. With the new funding we would be in approximately 40 % of schools.