

HRSA Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training 2014 – 2017 Grants: Impact Statement

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The Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training 2014 grants (BHWET 2014) had a tremendous impact on our region and beyond. We estimate that over 7000 individuals were impacted by the numerous professional development opportunities sponsored with this funding. The HRSA grant allowed us to support 60 School Psychology Interns, 74 School Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling Interns with a \$10,000 stipend over a three-year period. In addition to PSU interns we supported interns from UMASS Boston, University of Southern Maine, Brooklyn College, and Ball State University.

The employment rate for all of our graduates is very high with 100% of School Psychology and Clinical Mental Health Counseling students finding employment at the completion of their program. The employment rate for School Counselors is also very high with 90% securing employment. These graduates have the potential to impact 67,000 children, adolescents, adults, and families. They will also promote positive behavioral health systems in at least 60 school systems and 24 community mental health facilities.

School psychology Interns implemented the DESSA Comprehensive Social Emotional Learning Assessment and Intervention System at five internship sites, which serviced a total of 1438 public school students, grades kindergarten through eight. The funding supported an additional 15 public schools implementing the DESSA Assessment and Intervention System, serving 4500 students.

The Grant Co-PIs presented the DESSA system to 125 school superintendents and administrators in New Hampshire. We supported two workshops with national experts on the topic of social-emotional competence. The one hundred attendees included School Psychology interns and students, school professionals, and school administrators.

We sponsored four three-day Crisis Prevention Intervention and Response Training Workshops for 83 behavioral health professionals and students

We supported students and faculty members attending local workshops. Students attended 190 workshops and faculty attended 29 workshops. Additionally, we supported 55 students and 15 faculty members attending national workshops.

Over the three years, the Grant Co-PIs sponsored three site supervisor professional development opportunities in the form of a two-day Supervision Institute for Clinical Mental Health Counseling, School Counselor, and School Psychology Internship supervisors. The workshops were delivered by two national leaders and were attended by 85 site supervisors.

We developed a referral process with the University Disability Resource Office to provide updated psychological evaluations for use with transitional-age college youth to help ensure their academic success. Ten school psychology practicum and Internship students conducted psycho-educational assessments for twenty-one college students previously identified as having disabilities and requiring special accommodations to succeed at the college level.