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Project AWARE—SAMHSA grant

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- Piloted in three Districts implementing Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- Developed infrastructures for school-based mental health Mental Health Referral Process—district-wide Universal Mental Health Screening Process
 Youth Mental Health First Aid Training
- Continuation Social-Emotional Curriculum and Sources of Strength
- Mental Health Awareness in the community/stigma reduction

Mental Health and PBIS



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- Trauma Informed Practices Learning Module
- School Climate Specialists trained on:

Trauma 101

Universal Mental Health Screening

- Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor Training
- Integration of Mental Health into the PBIS framework

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Challenges

•Fear of liability •Stigma •Workforce in rural districts Competing initiatives •Working across systems/agencies