



K-12 Recommendations for Guidance

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We understand there are questions related to the K-12 Prevention Education Initiative due to the COVID-19 closures. OhioMHAS is committed to working with the ADMAHS Boards and school districts to ensure that these funds are utilized to meet the needs of all students in the state.

During these times, we understand that district staff priorities have changed as they respond to the COVID-19 crisis. We encourage ADAMH Boards to maintain contact with district Superintendents to ensure the behavioral health needs of their district are met.

Related to the K-12 Prevention Education Initiative, we offer the following updates and guidance:

- OhioMHAS staff continues to provide technical assistance, via phone and virtually, to ADAMH Boards and districts related to the self-assessment tool, Plan of Action and reporting functions of the online system.
- The Self-Assessment Tool and Plan of Action can be completed online during temporary closures and summer months by [visiting the website here](#).
- We encourage ADAMHS Boards to continue to view completed self-assessment documents, review and approve Plans of Action and meet virtually with their planning teams. This will help to ensure that everyone is ready to implement in the fall.
- Implementation activities identified in the Plan of Action will occur during the 2020-2021 school year.
- To support your efforts, the second half of K-12 Prevention Education Initiative allocation will be distributed to ADAMH Boards in April 2020 so that communities have access to the funds as Plans are approved. This will allow ADAMHS Boards and school districts to work together to develop innovative and creative ways to meet the prevention needs of the students in these changing times.
- Implementation reports will be due before Christmas Break 2020 and at the end of the school year in June 2021.