2020 School Based Mental Health
Grant Outcomes
Year 3 Grant Highlights

What is the goal?
To increase recruitment and retention of School Based Mental Health (SBMH) professionals (i.e. school counselors, school psychologists, and school social workers) in selected school divisions with demonstrated need in Virginia.

Examples of grant activities include
- Monetary incentives for relocation
- Payments toward student loans
- Development of internship programs
- Financial incentives for professional development

Professionals Retained

92.9%

339 total of Professionals retained out of 365

# of Professionals
Hired 95

Reduction in ratio students to professionals

Baseline ratio 274:1
Year 3 ratio 237:1

WHY is it meaningful?
The reduction of students to SBMH professionals is critical in order to meet the increasing mental health needs of students.

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