

Making Connections: Supporting Student Mental Health

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(6 Buildings)**

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**Work Part-Time
for TRAILS**

Business Owner-

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- **DHHS=31n/School
Mental Health**
- **Misc contracts (Self-
care/SEL/Mental Health)**

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“Health and success in school are interrelated. Schools cannot achieve their primary mission of education if students and staff are not healthy and fit physically, mentally, and socially.”



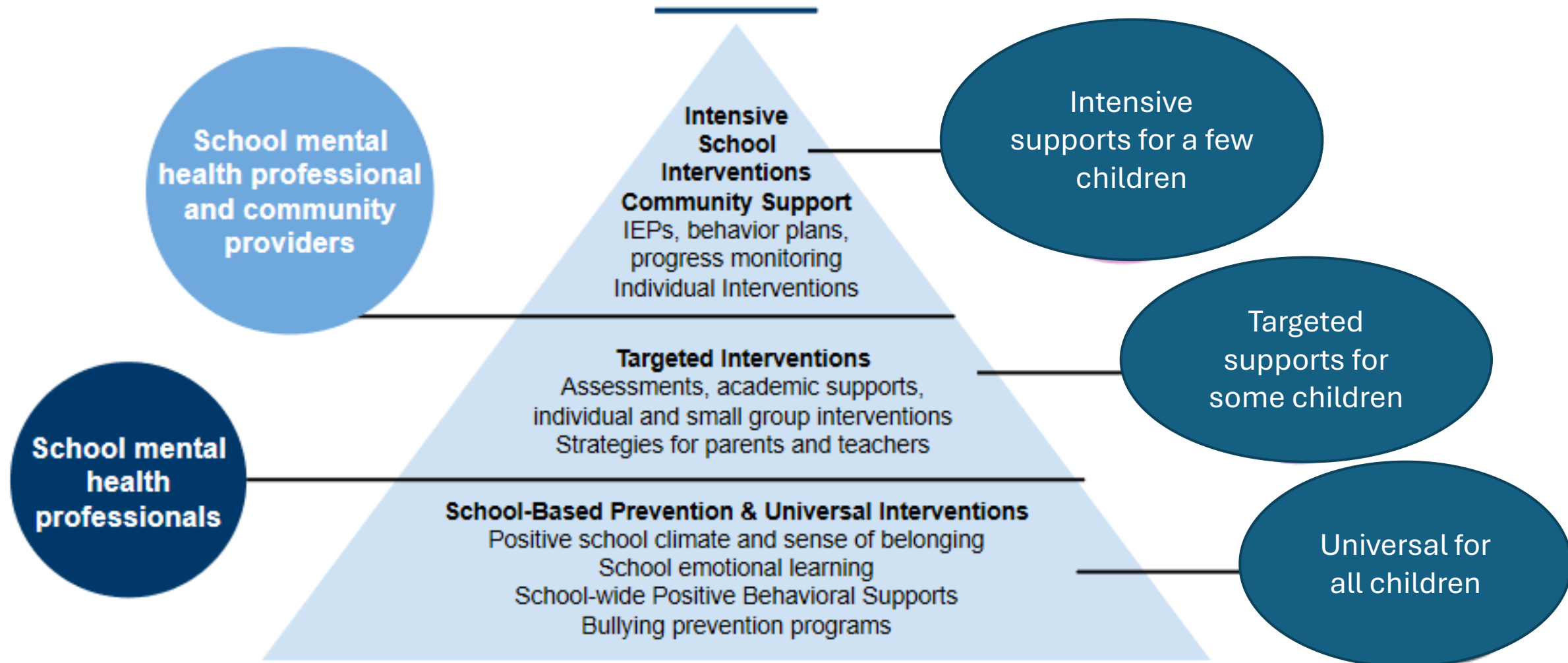
School Mental Health Funding History

- The State began with \$0 in the State School Aid budget for mental health services until Fiscal Year18-19
- In the years since, there is continued investments from the legislature
- A portion of these funds (line item 31n) go to Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) to hire or contract for direct service MH providers.

Fiscal Year

FY18	\$0
FY19	\$31.3m
FY20	\$31.3m
FY21	\$45.8m
FY22	\$179.3m
FY23	\$290.04m
FY24	\$361m
FY25	\$134m

Providing Comprehensive & Integrated Mental Health Services in Michigan's Schools



TRAILS offers a multi-tiered system



Tier 1

Universal Education and Awareness:

A social and emotional learning curriculum for **all students**

Training for **all staff**

Tier 2

Early Intervention:

Services for **students with mental health concerns**

Training for **school mental health professionals**

Tier 3

Crisis Intervention:

Support for **students in crisis**

Training for **select school professionals**

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