

## Overview

The Colorado School Health Professional Grant Program supports state licensed special service providers and provides funds to eligible education providers to enhance the presence of health professionals in K-12 schools.

This grant program intends to increase the availability of school-based prevention, early intervention and health care services and programs for school-aged students to:

- Increase the presence of licensed school health professionals to provide behavioral health education and intervention to students who are enrolled in K-12 schools.
- Provide training and resources to school staff for the implementation of evidence-based programming for behavioral health education and care for all students.
- Allow school health professionals to connect students enrolled in K-12 schools with services provided by community-based organizations for treatment and counseling.

## Background

School health professionals are able to educate, assess and treat youth who have behavioral and mental health needs. The Colorado School Health Professionals Grant Program, enacted by Senate Bill 14-215, was signed into law on June 6, 2014.

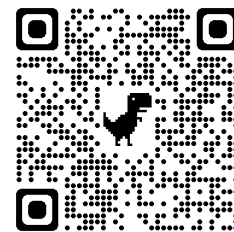
Since 2014, amendments have occurred to provide more flexibility for coordinated care to meet behavioral/mental health needs for students, families and staff across Colorado.

### Senate Bill 14-215

This legislation specifies how sales tax dollars from retail marijuana will be spent:

*The bill creates the School Health Professional Grant program in the Department of Education to provide matching grants to education providers to enhance the presence of licensed school health professionals in K-12 schools throughout the state and to facilitate better screening, education, and referral care coordination for K-12 school students to support behavioral health needs.*

**For more information, including a funded grantees list, use this QR Code:**



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