



Project  
AWARE



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# Project AWARE—SAMHSA grant

- 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



# Challenges

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