

Running the Race: COVID-19 School Wellness Initiative Report

Rationale for the CSWI Initiative

- In April 2021, the ILCHF Board of Directors approved the investment of \$8.5 million over two years to respond to communities impacted by COVID-19 and structural racism
- Applicants could request up to \$300,000 over a period of two and a half years
- Lead applicant Medicaid billing certified mental health provided
- Partner with individual schools or districts in communities deeply impacted by COVID-19 and below average or poor children health outcomes
- Offer Tier 1-3 supports





CSWI Partners

- CSWI-Chicago Cohort: 14 grants
- CSWI-Illinois Cohort: 15 grants
- ILCHF partnered with PIE on a mixed-methods evaluation
- Co-facilitation of quarterly meetings

"Perhaps the most important outcome of the program I have observed has been the normalization of help-seeking behavior in our school and community."-Hillsboro Area Hospital

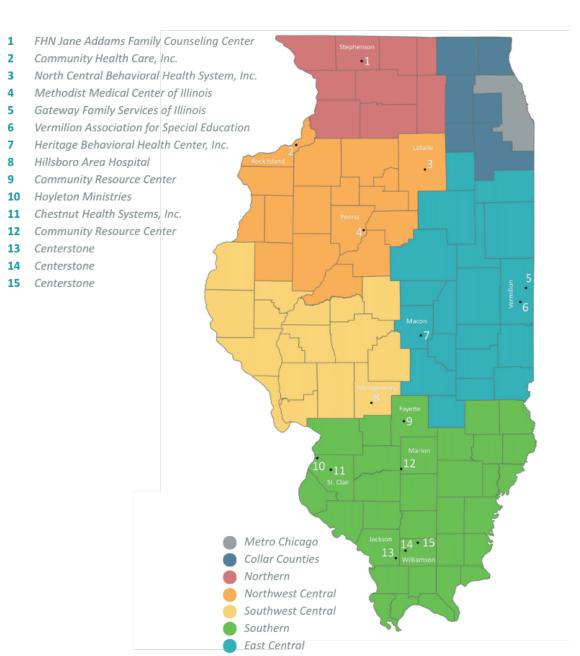




CSWI-Chicago

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CSWI-Illinois





Passing the Baton

- PIE gathered qualitative and quantitative data to share regularly
- Presented case studies, bright spots
- Disseminating the findings
- Highlight key themes
 - Parent/Caregiver Engagement
 - Workforce Strategies
 - School-Provider Partnerships

Read the full CSWI report:

