

Democratic Governors Association: Dem govs get It done: Gov. Tony Evers invests \$15 million in mental health resources for kids

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Gov. Tony Evers is [delivering](#) on the “Get Kids Ahead” initiative he announced during his [State of the State address](#) — investing \$15 million in funding to expand mental health resources in nearly every Wisconsin school district.

The funding will provide direct mental health care, mental health first aid, and trauma-based care training. It will also help schools hire and support mental health navigators and provide family assistance programs.

Here’s what people are saying about Gov. Evers’ “Get Kids Ahead” initiative:

- **[Fox 11:](#)** “Nearly every school district in Wisconsin is receiving funds from the state to provide school-based mental health.”
- **[WEAU:](#)** “The “Get Kids Ahead” initiative is set to allocate \$15 million to schools to combat mental health problems in children around the state.”
- **[Oshkosh Northwestern:](#)** “At a visit to Omro High School Wednesday, Gov. Tony Evers shared the news of a \$25,000 grant to the School District of Omro. Connie Bernier, the district’s director of pupil services, said the grant will help continue some of the current programs in place at the school.”

- **WBAY:** “Gov. Evers is on a mission to help every district in the state get to the same level as Omro. He said every public school district in the state had the option to receive at least \$10 thousand for mental health programs.”
- **CBS 58:** “Gov. Evers stopped at Journey House in Milwaukee Wednesday to talk about mental health challenges experienced by kids after two years of the pandemic. Evers announced that through his new program, the Milwaukee Public School system will receive \$966,000 — money that will be used for school-based mental health initiatives.”
- **Seehafer News:** “Six public school districts in Manitowoc County are receiving a combined \$194,000 from the state for the purpose of Gov. Tony Evers’ Get Kids Ahead initiative.”