

What is Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS)?

OhioMHAS is the state-level department that oversees the mental and behavioral health services provided throughout the state of Ohio.

Similar to the oversight provided to schools by the Ohio Department of Education, OhioMHAS ensures compliance with policies, procedures, documentation, and quality assurances related to mental and behavioral health.

What does it mean to obtain an OhioMHAS certificate?

By becoming OhioMHAS certified, Olentangy Schools can further ensure that services which are provided to students through our school social workers and mental health specialists follow all the requirements as directed by the Ohio Revised Codes related mental health services.

What is the value of OhioMHAS certification to the district?

By obtaining certification, Olentangy Schools will be eligible for expanded funding opportunities. This licensure provides an additional layer of assurance that Olentangy Schools mental health professionals are meeting Ohio Revised Code standards for its mental and behavioral health services. Additionally, state-level oversight helps to ensure the highest standards are employed when providing services to students.

How will OhioMHAS certification change what OLSD does for mental health services?

The types and level of services provided for students will not change as a result of OhioMHAS certification.

Does OhioMHAS certification change the services provided by school administrators, teachers, or school counselors?

No. School administrators, certified and classified staff such as teachers, and school counselors are licensed and governed by the Ohio Department of Education. Therefore, OhioMHAS certification does not change the work they do or services they provide.

If I have questions, who do I contact?

If you have further questions, you can contact Allisha Berendts, Director of Student Well-Being at 740-657-5047 or allisha_berendts@olsd.us.

You may also reach out to the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Licensure and Certification at 614-466-2596.