

Mental Health Taskforce Update

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2025 SCAAP CATCH MEETING

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this presentation, learners will be able to:

- Become aware of new efforts within the SC AAP community to address the mental health crisis among children and adolescents
- Discuss opportunities to increase capacity and collaboration to improve prevention and treatment of mental health among children and adolescents

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Mental Health activities

- QTIP
- Mental Health ECHOs
- AAP Suicide Prevention Ambassador grant
- Autism screening
- YAP-P
- Handle With Care

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QTIP

- Current focus on relational health with an emphasis on 0-3 and “4th trimester” mental and physical health of the mother
- 14 practices participating in quality improvement activities aimed at facilitating strong connections in those early months in addition to screening for maternal health risk factors
- TF - CBT training offered by Kelli Scurry
- Dr. Ramkumar Jayagopalan scheduled excellent keynote speakers at CATCH on these topics

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Mental Health ECHOs

- Youth Behavioral Health ECHO was hosted by MUSC Boeing Center for Children's Wellness for pediatric providers and school based behavioral health staff, 16 sessions with 147 active participants held January – December 2024
- CASE (Collaborative and Supportive Education) hosted by MUSC Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 12-1pm

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AAP Suicide Prevention Ambassador grant

- Janice Key and Martha Edwards
- Grant funds to be used to buy firearm lock boxes labeled with 988 sticker to be distributed at SC AAP meetings
- Potential partnership with BeSmart, the Veterans Administration Suicide Prevention team, and the SC DPH Injury and Substance Abuse Prevention team
- Request for interested SC AAP members who are veterans

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Autism

- SCAAP and SCDHHS are working together to explore strategies to help with earlier diagnosis and services for young children with autism
- Shawna McCafferty, MD, Breakwater Center for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, serving as SCDHHS Senior Autism Policy Consultant and tasked to review relevant policies to ensure best practices on the delivery of autism care

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YAP-P

- SC DMH Youth **A**ccess to **P**sychiatry **P**rogram.
- Call 877-729-2779 for guidance on medication management, diagnostic clarification, screening and treatment options
- CME credit offered for using the line
- Practices can register to facilitate use and access additional resources
- Resources available online:
 - Clinical Pearls and Guidelines
 - Assessment Tools
 - Electronic monthly newsletter

Consulting with YAP-P is as Easy as 1-2-3

Step 1
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Step 2
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YAP-P Care Navigator

Step 3
Consult with YAP-P Child &
Adolescent Psychiatrist

Visit www.yap-p.org or call 1-877-729-2779 for more information

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Handle With Care SC

- Statewide replication grant overseen by USC Center Center for Disability Resources and directed by Rebecca Williams-Agee



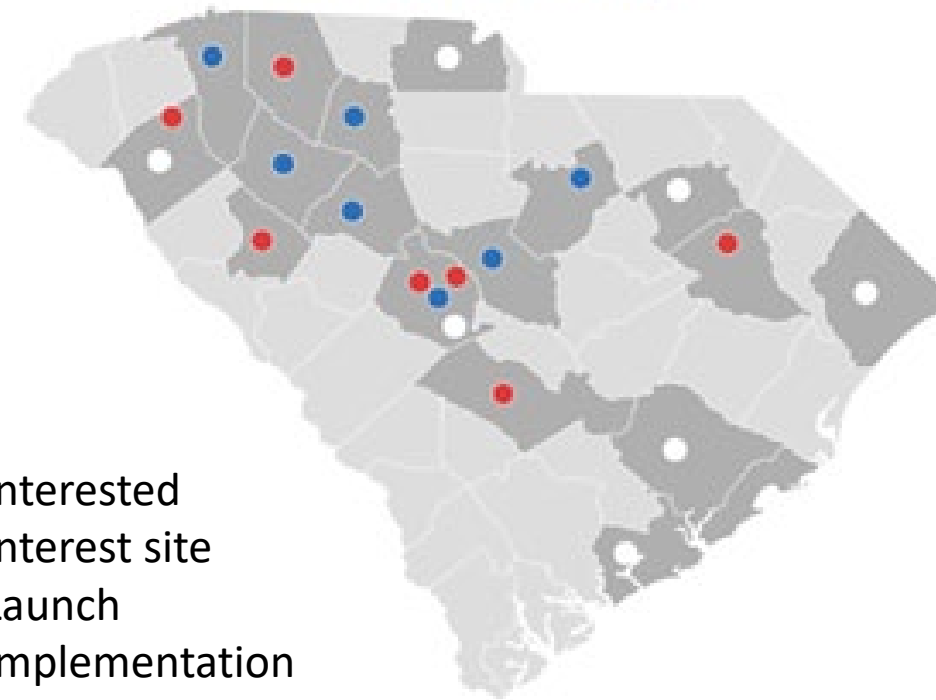
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The Handle with Care program enables Law Enforcement and other First Responders to send a confidential notification to a child's school when they have been at the scene of a potentially traumatic event, providing a "heads-up" to the school to allow them to provide trauma-sensitive support. This simple notice can help support a child's well-being and academic success.

HWC South Carolina Map



- Interested
- Interest site
- Launch
- Implementation
- Active

- Contact Handle With Care SC if interested in replication in your community

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Q & A

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THANK YOU!

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