Systems of Care *featuring* Comprehensive School Mental Health Systems

- Collaborative Structures and Practices across Systems
- Evidence-based, Community-based Services, Supports
- Student/Youth and Family-Driven Approaches
- Strategic Communications to Generate Support
- *Financing Strategies for Sustainability*
Strategic Financing Steps

1. Clarify “Financing for what?”
2. Review current funding mix
3. Assess the financing gaps
4. Analyze promising options to pursue as additional funding sources
5. Determine most appropriate funding sources to support your MH service goals.
Return on Investment of Scarce Resources

- Redeploy resources from higher cost restrictive services to lower cost home- and community-based services and supports
- Increase use of home-and community-based services, supports
- Decrease admissions and lengths of stay in out-of-home treatment settings (e.g. out-of-school placements, residential treatment, juvenile corrections)
- Reduce costs across systems (e.g., reduced out-of-school placement, reduced costs associated with school drop-out)

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Likely Funding Streams to Support School-based MH Services:

- Medicaid/EPSDT
- ESSA Formula Grants
- Special Education Funds
- School District Budgets
- Community Collaborative Approaches, Initiatives
- Private Health Insurance
- Grants

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