

6A-1.094120 Youth Mental Health Awareness Training and Reporting.

(1) Purpose. The purpose of this rule is to set forth requirements for training and reporting of Youth Mental Health Awareness Training, pursuant to Section 1012.584(5), F.S.

(2) Definitions. In this rule, the terms have the following meaning:

(a) “Department” means the Department of Education;

(b) “School District” means the Florida Virtual School under Section 1002.37, F.S., the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind under Section 1002.36, F.S., Developmental Research (Laboratory) Schools under Section 1002.32, F.S., and districts set forth in Article IX, Section 4, of the Florida Constitution;

(c) “School Personnel” means persons who must receive Youth Mental Health Awareness Training in any public school in a School District, including a charter school.

(d) “Youth Mental Health Awareness Training” means programs designed to help school personnel identify and understand signs of emotional disturbance, mental illness and substance abuse disorders and provide school personnel with the skills to assist a person who may be developing or experiencing an emotional, mental health or substance use concern.

(3) Approved Youth Mental Health Awareness Training. The program approved by the Department to provide Youth Mental Health Awareness Training to school personnel is listed at <https://www.fldoe.org/schools/k-12-public-schools/sss/ymhat.stml>. All school personnel identified as set forth in subsection (4) of this rule must receive this training.

(4) Presumptive Identification of School Personnel for Training and Certification.

(a) The Department will provide, by February 1 of each year, a list of job codes or categories from the document entitled “Data Elements – Staff” incorporated in Rule 6A-1.0014, F.A.C., Comprehensive Management Information System, in order to identify the positions that must receive Youth Mental Health Awareness Training. This list will be posted annually at <https://www.fldoe.org/schools/k-12-public-schools/sss/ymhat.stml>.

(b) Unless a School District submits a request to establish another method of identifying school personnel and receives approval from the Department, a School District must use these job codes and categories and the persons who hold these positions as of February 1, when providing the certification required by this rule.

(5) Certification of Training.

(a) The annual certification that at least 80% of school personnel in a School District, including school personnel at charter schools, have completed the approved youth mental health awareness training must be submitted to the Department on the form entitled “Annual Certification of Youth Mental Health Awareness Training,” Form No. YMHAT-1 by July 1 of each year. This form, effective ~~June 2026~~ ~~December 2022~~, is incorporated by reference (place holder) <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No-Ref-14903>) and may be obtained at <https://www.fldoe.org/schools/k-12-public-schools/sss/ymhat.stml>.

(b) This form must be submitted by the superintendent or designee. Instructions to submit this form may be obtained at <https://www.fldoe.org/schools/k-12-public-schools/sss/ymhat.stml>.

(6) Charter Schools. School Districts must implement procedures to include school personnel at charter schools in the School District’s certification. A School District may rely upon a charter school’s certification without independent verification when submitting the School District’s certification of training under subsection (5) of this rule.

Rulemaking Authority. 1001.02(1), (2)(n) FS. Law Implemented 1012.584 FS. History—New 11-22-22, _____.



Annual Certification of Youth Mental Health Awareness Training

Each school district must certify to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) that at least 80 percent of school personnel have received Youth Mental Health Awareness Training.

The number and percentage of trained school personnel must be calculated based upon the job codes or categories provided by FDOE each February 1, pursuant to Rule 6A-1.094120(4)(a), F.A.C., unless another method of identifying school personnel has been approved for the district by the Department. Each school district must implement procedures to include school personnel at charter schools in the district's certification. A school district may rely upon a charter school's certification without independent verification when submitting this certification.

In accordance with the requirements of section 1012.584(5), F.S., and Rule 6A-1.094120, F.A.C., I certify, that at least 80 percent of school personnel have completed Youth Mental Health Awareness Training.

_____ Printed Name of Superintendent or Designee

_____ Signature of Superintendent or Designee

_____ District

_____ Date

Due annually by July 1.

Instructions on how to submit this form: <https://www.fldoe.org/schools/k-12-public-schools/sss/ymhat.stml>

In accordance with section 1012.584, F.S., Continuing education and inservice training for youth mental health awareness and assistance:

(4) Each school district shall notify all school personnel who have received training pursuant to this section of mental health services that are available in the school district, and the individual to contact if a student needs services. The term "mental health services" includes, but is not limited to, community mental health services, health care providers, and services provided under ss. 1006.04 and 1006.041.

Please provide the website or method below to show how the school district notified all school personnel who have received training pursuant to this section of mental health services that are available in the school district, and the individual to contact if a student needs services.