

2026-2027

NETWORKED IMPROVEMENT COMMUNITY

Organizational Well-Being



What is Project AWARE

In 2023, the Department of Public Instruction was awarded this 5-year federal grant through Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The Project aims to build CESA capacity to support schools in improving their comprehensive school mental systems, with the goal of increasing health & educational equity across Wisconsin.

Networked Improvement Community

One experienced school mental health team per CESA region will engage in a shared learning process, or NIC, using DPI's Roadmap for School Mental Health Improvement to positively impact a common, statewide challenge in school mental health each year of the Project.



Organizational Well-Being

The 2026-27 NIC will incrementally improve educator wellness across the state. Teams will use improvement science tools, including root cause analysis and small, rapid tests of change. These efforts will be supported by a CESA CSMH coach, content experts, and local resources.



NIC Eligibility

Each CESA will support one school team in their region free of charge to engage in the NIC from August 2026 - May 2027. Eligible teams will have an intermediate-advanced level of experience with systems change work, preferably school mental health related (ex. DPI's MH Academy past participants).

