

Request for Proposal

Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor for the
Gill-Montague Regional Schools



Turners Falls High School Great Falls Middle School

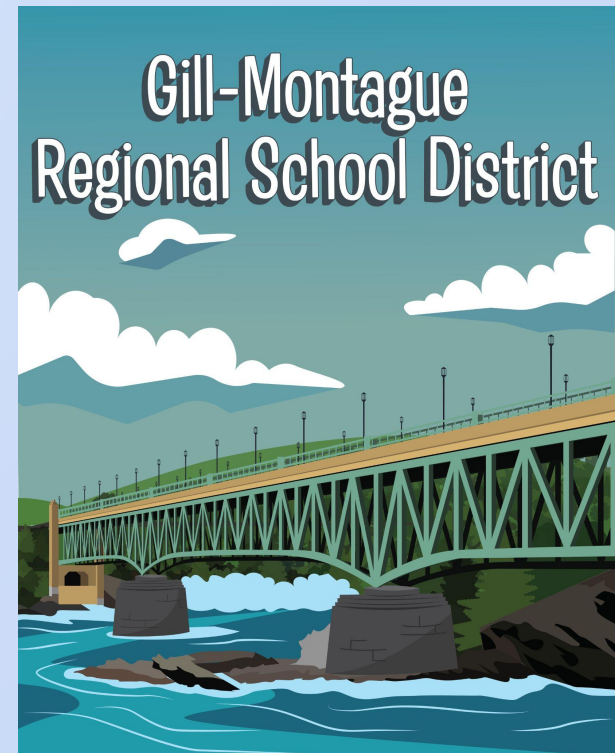


Overview of Year I: Implementation Successes

- Shared 1.0 FTE Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC) from the Center for Human Development (CHD) across two school districts that serve over 1,050 students
- Increased access to assessment and treatment for students identified with substance use as a barrier to positive school engagement
- Increased support for families navigating behavioral health services at a time when access to these services has been significantly strained
- Numbers served: 20+ total students provided direct ongoing weekly services (10+ at each school building: TFHS/GFMS and FCTS)
- 12+ students referred for additional community-based services
- Effective collaboration with school administration and school counseling staff
- The LADC has been a significant support for students impacted by substance use

Areas of Growth and Further Collaboration

- Access to clinical and assessment services was limited by part time hours at each school (typically 2 to 2.5 days per week). As a result level of need is actually greater than # of students served
- Integrating LADC into more school-based prevention programming (advisories, health & wellness education to work alongside guidance, school counselors, and educators)
- Expanded access to services through development of an afterschool component
- Increased use of screening tools and structured curriculum programs including brief treatment interventions
- Strengthen collaboration with schools, families, community partners, and juvenile probation to leverage treatment over more punitive approaches



Gill-Montague Regional School District



Request & Goals for FY'23

Funding to support 2.0 FTE LADCs to allow for one provider at each school district given combined rough population of 1,050 students

- GMRSD request: \$86,400 funded position through Center for Human Development and an additional \$500 for curriculum supplies
- Total request \$86,900
- Increase access to assessment and direct evidence-based treatment for students affected by substance use & risk
- Expand prevention-based programs through enhanced health education programming and brief intervention & treatment curriculums
- Offering an afterschool program that expands options for service delivery and family engagement

Extend Collaboration with Franklin County Technical School

- Continuity of care with shared students, and students transitioning between schools
- Transportation for afterschool programming at both sites