DC Project AWARE promotes mental health awareness among schools and communities and improves connections to services for school-aged youth. Project AWARE aims to:

**INCREASE**

*Increase* the identification and referral of students with potential behavioral health needs, and knowledge of behavioral health among students, families, and educators.

**ENSURE**

*Ensure* student access to culturally-responsive, evidence-based interventions.

**DEVELOP**

*Develop* integrated networks of school- and community-based behavioral health providers.

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Earlier identification and referral = better outcomes.

About 1 in 7 middle and high school students have attempted suicide.*

LGB middle and high school students are more than 2x more likely to think about, plan to, or attempt suicide.*

3/4 Project AWARE students identified having at least one trusted adult.†

33% of high school students reported having symptoms of depression in the previous 12 months.*

Project AWARE will achieve the promotion of mental health awareness in partnering LEAs through elevating and supporting a multi-tiered, integrated and coordinated model of service delivery.

**Intensive Support:**
- Crisis Interventions
- Treatment

**Focused Group and Individual Interventions:**
- Issue-focused groups
- Consultations with behavioral health professionals

**Promotion and Prevention:**
- Staff development on positive school climate, trauma-informed practices, and behavioral health
- Social emotional skill building for students
- Behavioral health screening and prevention education for students
- Parent education, training, and engagement

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**LEA PARTNERS and PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS**

### Phase 1
- **DCPS**
  - Ballou HS
  - Henley ES
  - LaSalle Backus EC
  - Luke C. Moore HS

- **Friendship PCS**
  - Collegiate HS
  - Southeast Academy ES
  - Southeast Academy MS
  - Technology Prep HS

- **KIPP DC PCS**
  - Key Academy MS
  - LEAP Academy PS
  - Promise Academy ES
  - Arts & Tech Academy PS
  - Quest Academy ES
  - Valor Academy ES

### Phase 2
- **DCPS**
  - Browne ES
  - Cardozo EC
  - Houston ES
  - Johnson ES
  - Kramer MS
  - Roosevelt STAY HS
  - Wheatley EC

- **Friendship PCS**
  - Armstrong ES
  - Blow Pierce ES
  - Blow Pierce MS
  - Chamberlain ES
  - Chamberlain MS
  - Woodridge Intl. ES
  - Woodridge Intl. MS

- **KIPP DC PCS**
  - AIM Academy MS
  - Discover Academy PS
  - Heights Academy ES
  - The Learning Center EC
  - Honor Academy MS
  - Somerset College Prep HS
  - College Prep HS