

April 16, 2019

El Dorado County Behavioral Health Commission
c/o First Five El Dorado Commission
2776 Ray Lawyer Drive
Placerville, CA 95667

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the El Dorado County Board of Education, it is my pleasure to write this letter of support for Community Hubs to be considered for continued funding as part of the Mental Health Services Act Innovations Grant. As trustees, we are aware of the strong collaboration between the El Dorado County Office of Education and Community Hubs that connects families to services, especially those that support prevention, early screening, identification and referral for mental or behavioral health services.

The objective of Community Hubs is to build family resiliency. To do so, the program offers prevention and early interventions services for expectant parents and families with children birth through 18 years of age in their community. Through the use of early, universal development screening, Hubs ensure children are meeting milestones, and connect students and families to health insurance products, doctors, practitioners, and dentists. The Family Engagement staff champions parents as their child's first teacher, and works with schools to support families in the rural areas of the county. Currently, the program is working to develop an integrated behavioral health system with the school districts.

We offer our full support of the Community Hubs program and urge the Commission's consideration in funding this application. We look forward to our ongoing partnership with the Community Hubs and value the many benefits this program provides to the families of El Dorado County.

Respectfully,

Heidi Weiland, President
El Dorado County Board of Education