Families can choose to get services at school or community locations.

The federal government and State of CA provide funding and regulations to the County of San Diego to serve as the Specialty Mental Health Provider for children with Medi-Cal. The County extends these services to low income, uninsured or underinsured children.

Within the County, the Health & Human Services Agency tasks the Department of Behavioral Health Services’ Children, Youth & Families System of Care (BHS-CYF) with ensuring children receive these needed services.

BHS-CYF partners with school district staff to determine need and appropriate staffing at schools.

BHS-CYF contracts with community based organizations (CBOs) to provide behavioral health and support services at local school and community sites.

Once they receive a contract from BHS-CYF, CBOs enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the school district detailing services and expectations.

CBO’s behavioral health providers work together with school site leadership to identify children in need and provide SchooLink services.