**Section 555.30 Program Specifications**

a) In order to achieve the goals specified in Section 555.10 of this Part, each proposed project shall include objectives and activities related to:

1) Developing a protocol and structures for meeting the early intervention mental health needs of students, including identifying, referring, and following up on those who could benefit from early intervention, involving parents and other care-givers, and planning for and providing services from qualified mental health professionals, such as:

A) assessment,

B) individual and group counseling,

C) family support, and

D) school-wide mental health awareness activities;

2) Coordinating services with those offered by other community-based service systems and providers by:

A) developing a framework for the integration of social and emotional learning and mental health-related initiatives based on a team approach that includes school staff, community-based providers, students, and their families to build upon existing mental health structures,

B) implementing formal interagency working agreements, and

C) providing services in "natural" settings such as schools, youth-serving agencies, or family homes; and

3) Reducing the mental health stigma within the school community by:

A) conducting events for the school faculty, students, and family members to increase awareness regarding the impact of mental illness, the efficacy of mental health treatment, and the importance of early identification,

B) addressing mental health stigmas that are specific to particular cultures or segments of the community, and

C) promoting leadership among students and support for peers with regard to issues of mental health.

b) Each proposed project shall make services available to all students housed in any attendance center for which funding is provided under this Subpart A.