

On May 31st, President Biden released a comprehensive strategy to address the unprecedented National Mental Health Crisis among people of all ages. The Biden-Harris Administration is taking additional, new actions to advance the President’s mental health strategy across its three objectives:

- strengthening system capacity (includes workforce development, crisis care, suicide prevention, training, etc.)
- connecting more Americans to care (includes barriers like cost, cultural bias, inconvenience, etc.)
- creating a continuum of support (includes items such as creating healthy environments, training social and human service professionals in mental health skills, etc.)

Details can be viewed at

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/05/31/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-highlights-strategy-to-address-the-national-mental-health-crisis/>

Some of the strategies that relate to children, young adults, and families include:

Strengthen System Capacity

- Address our caregiving crisis. In partnership with the [RAISE Family Caregiving](#) and [Supporting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren](#) Advisory Councils, HHS’s Administration for Community Living will submit a National Caregiving Strategy to Congress outlining new recommendations for better supporting family caregivers, many of whom have been under great strain during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Bright Futures, a HRSA partnership with the American Academy of Pediatrics, [added](#) universal screening for suicide risk to its national guidelines for individuals ages 12 to 21.

Connect Americans to Care

- Advance behavioral health care for the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) community.
- Ensure access to mental health support in schools, colleges and universities
- HHS invested \$80 million in ARP funding into the Pediatric Mental Health Care Access program, which promotes integrating care for behavioral health needs into pediatric primary care settings.
- Enhance school-based supports in Native communities.
- The Department of Education released [Supporting Child and Student Social, Emotional, Behavioral and Mental Health](#) to enhance the promotion of mental health and the social and emotional well-being among children and students.
- CDC invested \$15 million in the Healthy Schools program, which [works](#) with states, school systems, and national partners to improve the well-being of K-12 students.
- HHS [announced](#) \$2 million in funding to establish the new Center of Excellence on Social Media and Mental Wellness, which will develop and disseminate information, guidance, and training

on the impact of children and youth social media use, especially the potential risks social media platforms pose to mental health.