



SPOTLIGHT:

Bridge Up- Menninger

BridgeUp at Menninger has been a partner of the Center for School Behavioral Health Collaborative for the past two years and this year partnered with CSBH to sponsor one of the keynote addresses for the 2017 annual conference.

Assistant Director Linda Civallero has been with BridgeUp at Menninger since April of 2016. BridgeUp is in its second year of supporting youth mental health prevention and early intervention through Magic Grants, research and evaluation, collective impact partnerships and community engagement.

BridgeUp is an initiative of the Menninger Clinic to improve the mental health and well-being of vulnerable youth in our community. This year, BridgeUp awarded 10 Magic Grants to schools and nonprofit organizations to implement components of the BridgeUp Model, including social and emotional learning and behavioral health referral systems. Grantees are: Alley Theatre, Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Houston, Breakthrough Houston, Connect Community, Cultural Health Advancing Together (CHAT), Communities In Schools of Houston, Galveston ISD, Pasadena ISD, ProUnitas, Inc. and University of Houston AMPED.

This year's grantees are just getting started and we look forward to hearing about their progress towards supporting social and emotional learning and behavioral health in the greater Houston area. In Summer of 2018 BridgeUp will unveil the results from the Healthy Kids Survey so be sure to stay tuned!

Since partnering with the CSBH Collaborative, BridgeUp has seen an increase in applicants for Magic Grants and through membership with the Center, BridgeUp grantees have connected with resources and programs to benefit their students.

When asked if the CSBH Collaborative is beneficial to BridgeUp Linda had this to say:

“Absolutely, the CSBH Collaborative is beneficial to schools and organizations supporting mental health and wellness in schools and students. With such a complex social issue as youth mental health, the only way we will make a lasting difference is through collective action. In fact, we think it's so valuable that we encouraged all of our grantees to join the Collaborative.”

The Center is grateful for the support that BridgeUp offers our partners and the Greater Houston area.