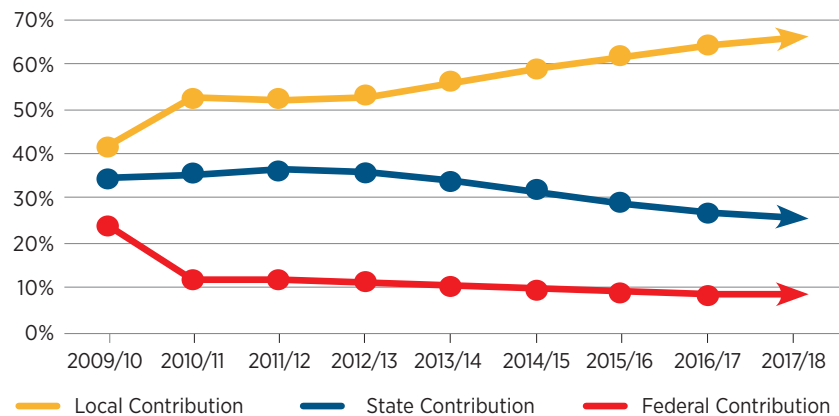


THE FUNDING CRISIS: HOW MEDICAID CAN HELP ADDRESS INCREASING SPECIAL EDUCATION AND MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS IN CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS



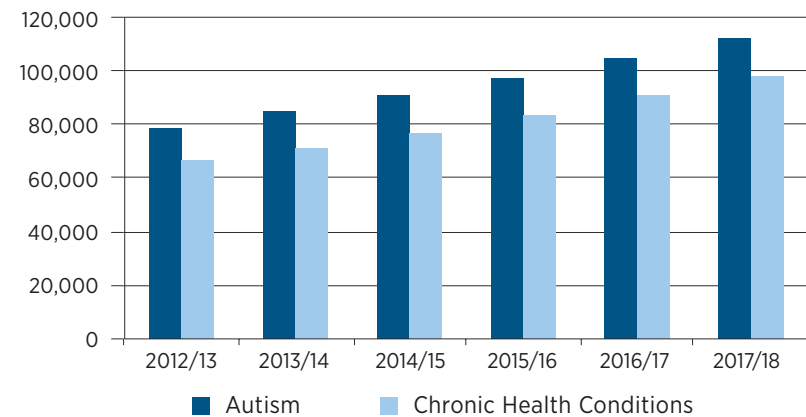
SPECIAL EDUCATION COSTS AND EDUCATIONALLY NECESSARY MEDICAL SERVICES ARE RAPIDLY RISING.

In 2017/18, federal funds covered only **8.40%** of California's special education costs.



Citation: Coalition for Adequate Funding for Special Education, "Percentage of Total Special Education Expenditures Supported by State, Federal, and Local Funds", published 3/15/18

The number of students diagnosed with autism and chronic health conditions have increased notably over the past decade.



California Department of Education, DataQuest, <https://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>



60 percent of kids in California, are enrolled in Medi-Cal.¹



Despite having more Medicaid eligible students than any other state in the nation, **California is 40th in the nation for Medicaid Funding.**²

Medicaid funding would mitigate rising special education costs, but at least half of California schools do not draw down Medicaid.



Only 1/2 of California school districts receive funding for the medical services they provide to students.³



Only 2/3 of school districts receive funding for claimable services associated with connecting students with health services and health insurance.³

¹ CA Children's Trust & Children Now July 2019 Policy Brief

² Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, www.cms.org

³ Department of Health Care Services, www.dhcs.org

THERE IS A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS AMONG CALIFORNIA YOUTH.



One in five California high school students **considered suicide in the last 12 months.**⁴



The suicide rate among 10-14 year olds doubled between 2007 and 2014.⁵



46% of children in the United States have experienced at least one traumatic experience.⁶

VERY FEW CALIFORNIA STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO ANY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

WHEN HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ARE PROVIDED ON SCHOOL CAMPUSES, STUDENTS ARE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO RECEIVE THEM.



Less than 5% of Medi-Cal eligible students receive the mental health services they are entitled to.⁷



Children are **twenty-one times more likely** to receive health or mental health services if those services are **provided on a school campus.**⁹



Mental health services accounted for **only 3%** of Medi-Cal spending in 2017-18.⁸



California ranks near the bottom of all states when it comes to providing K-12 students with access to health and mental health services on campus.¹⁰

WE MUST:

Increase federal IDEA funding.

Simplify the Medicaid claiming process for schools.

Incentivize the provision of mental health services on school campuses.

Reduce barriers to the integration of education and health care services.



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