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***Governor declares 2023 the Year of Mental Health in SOS, \$500 million to expand access to services, including veteran and school-based mental health, suicide and crisis lifeline support, efforts to bolster workforce.***

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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers, during his 2023 State of the State address Tuesday, declared 2023 the Year of Mental Health, calling mental and behavioral health a “burgeoning crisis” affecting the state and Wisconsin’s kids, families, and workforce. Gov. Evers also announced his 2023-25 executive budget will include approximately \$500 million to expand access to mental and behavioral health services across Wisconsin.

In his 2023 State of the State address delivered Tuesday night, Gov. Evers discussed the effects the coronavirus pandemic has had on mental and behavioral health, especially on Wisconsin’s kids, calling on the Legislature to take the state’s mental and behavioral health crisis seriously:

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