



DIRECTING CHANGE

Film Project

2025-2026

The Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) Student Advocates for Mental Health Program will support middle and high school students to develop videos for the California Directing Change Program and Film Contest. This statewide contest encourages students to create 30 and 60 second films to raise awareness about mental health and promote suicide prevention in their school communities. OCDE will provide training, technical assistance, and materials to selected schools.

OCDE DIRECTING CHANGE PROJECT GUIDELINES:

- Engage a minimum of five students in the project to develop a minimum of three films and submit to the California Directing Change Program and Film Contest on or before March 1, 2026.
- Identify a minimum of one school site advisor to support the development of student films.
- Work in close partnership with your school's counseling department and school administration to support students to develop a mental health showcase event by May 22, 2026.