

## **Barry County Community Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services**

### **BCCMHASAS School Based Program Overview**

Barry County Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services has formed a collaboration with the Delton-Kellogg High School that offers students therapy services in the school setting. The collaboration allows Barry County CMH to provide a therapist, to work with students on identified issues. Chad Boehm, LLMSW, will be available on Thursdays to provide therapy on an individual basis. In addition, Chad will be available Tuesday afternoons from 12:00-4:00 to complete scheduled intakes. There is potential for small groups to form throughout the course of the school year based on caseload numbers and clinical needs of students. In the event of small groups being formed, an additional day will be determined for Chad to offer group service(s) to DKHS students.

Referrals for School Based Services are typically initiated by school staff, parent(s) or guardian(s). While there are a variety of ways in which referrals can occur, there is a set of expected steps that must be followed in order to provide clinical services to students:

1. A referral must occur from a parent(s), guardian(s) or school staff.
2. Parent(s), guardian(s) and/or school staff complete the assessment of lagging skills & unsolved problems worksheet and place it in Chad's mailbox.
3. School staff members are encouraged to consult with therapist directly if time allows (when therapist is at the school) or via phone or e-mail to address concerns regarding a particular student. The therapist may have availability to schedule a meeting with school staff as well to address concerns regarding a particular student.
4. Therapist will then consult with the student on 1-2 occasions to process a certain situation or to evaluate a particular issue(s). BCCMHASAS therapist will then make a recommendation for further services.
5. In the event of the student meeting criteria for services, the therapist will complete a presenting problem document and contact the student, parent(s) or guardian(s) to schedule an intake.
6. Student and family member(s) provide insurance coverage, current age of student, birthdate, social security # to BCCMHASAS therapist to begin the intake process.
7. Parental consent and releases from the parent(s) or guardian(s) must be obtained. Without these documents in place, specific consultation cannot be provided to the school, outside organizations, family members, etc.
8. Parental consent for treatment, release of information and an ability to pay document(s) are required for all students who receive clinical services through BCCMHASAS.
9. An assessment and treatment plan are completed by the therapist. A typical intake can last up to 2 hours.
10. Upon intake completion, an initial appointment is scheduled for the student to meet with the therapist at school.

11. Most students will be seen at least once a month. There may be additional need or other clinical factors for the therapist to consider that may warrant a student to be seen more frequently.

**General role of the School Based therapist:**

- Identification of needs with parent and student
- Identification of clinical needs with school staff regarding a particular student
- Consult with students and/or parent(s) or guardian(s) 1-2 times prior to enrolling a student into mental health services.
- Provide student, parent(s) or guardian(s) with support, options and resources
- Provide information regarding mental health resources
- Complete intakes with students, parent(s) or guardian(s) when criterion is met for mental health services.
- Coordinate clinical services with student, parent(s) or guardian(s)

**General Contact Information:**

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BCCMHASAS Crisis Line  
1-800-873-0511

**OR**

Dial 911

**OR**

Go to the Emergency Department at Pennock Hospital in the event of a crisis (Barry County Community Mental Health Authority may be called to the Emergency Department to assist)