



OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
Bureau of MH Services – Child and Adolescent Unit

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School Based Liaisons are professionally trained to serve as links between educational systems, mental health providers, and social service agencies and comprise the county Student Assistance Program coordinators. They can provide intervention quickly and decisively in situations when students need mental health services. The objective is to improve communication between systems, and to streamline service delivery.

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Allegheny Valley	Deer Lakes	Propel	AIU Alt-Ed	McKeesport City	Steel Valley
Baldwin-Whitehall	Gateway	Sunrise	Carlynton	North Allegheny	Sto-Rox
Brentwood	Keystone Oaks	Urban Charter	Duquesne City	Northgate	West Mifflin
Bethel Park	Mon Valley	West Jefferson Hills	Fox Chapel	Penn Hills	Woodland Hills
Chartiers Valley	Pathfinder		Hampton	Riverview	Wilkinsburg
Clairton City	Plum		Highlands	School for the Blind	

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Avonworth	Quaker Valley	North Hills
East Allegheny	South Allegheny	South Park
Mount Lebanon	West Allegheny	Shaler
Moon	Cornell	South Fayette
Pine Richland	Elizabeth Forward	Upper St. Clair
	Montour	Environmental Charter

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Pittsburgh Public Schools

Education Specialists provide consultation to families and schools in order to facilitate the development of appropriate and meaningful Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) for students with special needs. They support families by providing information, initiating contacts and referrals, and attending meetings as an advisor in developing these plans. In addition, Education Specialists provide technical assistance and information on special education legislation and regulations for DHS and provider agencies serving children in Allegheny County Schools.

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When there are complex issues and barriers to successful treatment and recovery, the County Integration and Teaming process is an opportunity for families and children to meet with those who are involved in their care to develop and implement a comprehensive plan of action to resolve these issues. The COC team assists youth and young adults moving between levels of care for a smooth transition.

Contract Monitoring

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*The Allegheny County Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) Bureau of Child & Adolescent Services provides mental health care, prevention, and early intervention services for children and adolescents through a network of contracted providers. Continuity of care, quality assurance, and accountability for the safety, dignity, and personal rights of service users is ensured through coordination and monitoring of service providers. The Bureau of Child & Adolescent Services **Contract Monitoring Supervisor** conducts trainings and presentations on Incident Management and Reporting for providers each year, reinforcing the reason for the process, the policies and procedures for reporting, and updates on changes in regulations.*

The contract monitoring staff also oversees the process of incident management and reporting and receives reports from providers on incidents that occur with children and adolescents they serve. The incident reviewer contacts providers via telephone and confirms the incident as reported and interviews the reporter to determine what action steps were completed or are in process in order to resolve the incident and plan for safety or future actions.

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Early Intervention

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***Early Intervention services** improve long-term outcomes for young children who are at-risk of delay in one or more developmental areas by providing early, appropriate, and intensive interventions. Services include screening and evaluation, family training and counseling, speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychological services, auditory and visual services, and social work. The **Early Intervention Coordinator** of the Bureau of Child & Adolescent Services monitors early intervention providers in Allegheny County.*

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