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June 15th, 2022

Greetings,

My name is Adam Layton, and I am the Behavior Support Consultant with the Allen County Board of Developmental Disabilities (ACBDD). This letter is to inform you of the Behavior Support Consultant (BSC) program that is a joint collaboration between the ACBDD and the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties. This program provides behavior support consultation services to educational teams, which include the following: behavior support training for teachers and staff, individualized teacher training and student observation. The goal of this program is to support children and school personnel in response to behavioral concerns in the school system, regardless of the presence of a diagnosis that would make them eligible for ACBDD services.

This program saw great success and was a wonderful resource to educational teams during the first full year of the program, which was during 2021-2022 school year. We worked with a wide variety of principals, general education teachers, educational aides, intervention specialists, paraprofessionals, and therapists to find creative ways to assist students with behavioral concerns and achieve successful outcomes in the educational environment. Please review the attached flier for more information and distribute to your teams. I am happy to meet with any teams to discuss this program further upon my return on August 15th, 2022.

As we look forward to the 2022-2023 school year, we are reaching out to all the school districts who utilized this service during the 2021-2022 school year. Attached is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for your review. Please sign, keep a copy of the MOU for your records and return in the addressed envelope provided. If you have any questions about the MOU, please contact Bethany Ernest, Community Connections Manager either via phone at 419-221-1385 ext. 3702 or via email at bernest@acbdd.org

Sincerely,

Adam Layton
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Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Elida Local Schools and

Allen County Board of Developmental Disabilities

The parties of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) are **Elida Local Schools** and the Allen County Board of Developmental Disabilities, in relation to the Behavior Support Consultant (BSC) program.

Purpose: The purpose of this agreement is to establish roles and responsibilities of both parties for the provision of behavior support consultation to local school districts. Ideas and strategies provided by the BSC are intended to be collaborative in nature, utilizing positive behavioral intervention strategies to strengthen positive interactions between the student, educational team, and peers. This service is available to any school age student who is a resident of Allen County, Auglaize County, or Hardin County, regardless of eligibility or diagnosis.

Roles and Responsibilities:

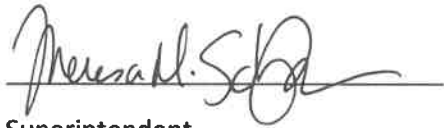
- Responsibilities of the BSC:
 - Student observation – Observation of a student; technical assistance services to provide the educational team with ideas and strategies to assist students in the educational environment
 - Teacher trainings – Collaboration with teachers on positive behavioral interventions to increase positive interactions, observe environmental modifications, and assist with general classroom management ideas
 - Behavior Support Training – Presentation on Behavior Support to a large educational group, that focuses on the functions of behavior with ideas and strategies to assist the educational teams with general questions
 - Contact within 48 hours to discuss referral
 - Community referrals, as appropriate
- Responsibilities of School District:
 - Gaining consent from the parent/guardian of student, as reflected in the district policy for sharing information to a 3rd party

- Completing the referral form for the BSC program
- Participating in discussion of ideas/strategies in person or virtually
- Feedback to the BSC on implementation of ideas and strategies

Funding for the Behavior Support Consultant program: The Allen County Board of Developmental Disabilities provides these services under contract from the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties. These services are at no cost to the school district.

Duration and Termination: This agreement is for the period beginning August 15, 2022, extending through the 2022/2023 school year. This agreement ends on June 2, 2023.

Whole Agreement: This MOU contains the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter set forth herein but may be changed or modified with the written consent of both parties. In WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this agreement to be executed by their authorized representatives.



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BEHAVIOR SUPPORT CONSULTANT SERVICES

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize and Hardin Counties, in partnership with the Allen County Board of Developmental Disabilities, offers schools consultation, training, and support to meet behavioral and safety needs of children in the classroom.

SERVICES PROVIDED:

- Consultation within 48 hours of referral
- Classroom observation and technical assistance
- Training to school personnel in positive behavior support strategies and crisis intervention
- Support to the child, parents, and school personnel, including strategies and tools to meet behavioral and safety needs
- Community referrals, as appropriate

SERVICES AVAILABLE TO:

- Any public or private school in Allen and Hardin counties
- Any school-age child, regardless of the presence of a diagnosis or eligibility

For information and referrals, contact Adam Layton
at (419) 302-1299 or alayton@acbdds.org.