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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

# Can those already receiving community or school-based services participate?

Building Bridges is available to any student enrolled in the participating school districts. Building Bridges staff will determine if participation will enhance your child's success.

# Will Building Bridges staff meet with families outside of school hours?

Building Bridges works with families to find times that work best for the family during the school week.

#### Is there a cost to participate?

There is no cost to families for services offered through Building Bridges.



**CONTACT US!** 

To learn more about Building Bridges

or to make a referral, contact your

child's school or your district's Building Bridges team:





## BUILDING BRIDGES a program of Catholic Charities

### ENHANCING STUDENT EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND SCHOOL SUCCESS

#### A Collaboration Between:

Dane County Department of Human Services and Catholic Charities of Madison

#### with the following School Districts:

DeForest, Madison, Middleton-Cross Plains, Monona Grove, Mount Horeb, Oregon, Stoughton, Sun Prairie, Verona and Waunakee



### **OUR PURPOSE**

- We seek to support children's educational experience by working with students, family, community agencies, and school staff to develop and promote emotional wellness.
- We work with school staff to connect students and their families to resources in the school and surrounding community.

"The home to school connection is where I see the most gains with Building Bridges. I appreciate how they are able to get parents on board with what school is trying to accomplish and also providing the parents resources in the community."

– School staff

## **PROGRAM GOALS**

- Increase student success by providing proactive responses to stressors
- Connect schools, families and students with needed resources
- Increase school staff's understanding of mental health issues affecting students and families

"All the support was helpful! I am extremely grateful that I was able to use the services for my child. Without Building Bridges my son would not have gotten the help that he needed."

– Parent

#### **HOW WE HELP**

## Trained and experienced staff assist schools and families by:

- Providing up to 90 days of wrap around support
- Assisting schools with proactive responses
- Providing professional development consultation on mental health and trauma related issues
- Providing consultation and resources to school staff

### **WHO WE SERVE**

Building Bridges serves students in grades 4K-8 with immediate mental health needs and their families in the following school districts:

- DeForest Area School District
- Madison Metropolitan School District
- Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District
- Mount Horeb Area School District
- Monona Grove School District
- Oregon School District
- Stoughton Area School District
- Sun Prairie Area School District
- Verona Area School District
- Waunakee Community School District