

Total Achievement Program



MISSION: The Total Achievement Program (TAP) provides intensive community based, therapeutic support for children with mental health challenges to avert psychiatric hospitalization or out-of-home placements. TAP offers individualized goal setting, support and services to at-risk children to help them develop the social and adaptive skills necessary to function appropriately at home, at school and in the community.

CLIENTS: TAP accepts referrals of latency age children from the Department of Mental Health. Children who have significant emotional and behavioral challenges, between the ages of 6 and 12, are eligible for TAP. The program serves children who have typical cognitive abilities and the capacity to function in a small group setting. TAP operates 5 days/week on a year round basis; families enrolling a child in TAP must commit to consistent attendance in the program.

APPROACH: TAP is a strengths based, therapeutic after school and summer program that offers daily support groups, case management services and an individualized treatment plan for each child. The TAP staff work closely with state agencies, schools and community providers to coordinate integrated interventions for at risk children. Staff strongly encourage family involvement in treatment planning and goal setting. The program provides a safe, therapeutic milieu in which children can develop social skills and coping strategies as well as build on individual interests and strengths.

CLINICAL: TAP staff facilitate daily group therapy sessions, foster supportive relationships with children and develop individualized, clinically appropriate treatment plans. Each treatment plan is personalized to the needs and strengths of the child and family. TAP supports development of children in the following areas:

- Self regulation
- Social competency
- Problem solving skills
- Communication skills
- Effective coping strategies
- Conflict resolution
- Self confidence and self esteem
- Healthy peer and adult relationships

Since its inception in 1984, TAP has had remarkable success in promoting the emotional well being and social competency of latency age children who are emotionally and behaviorally at risk.

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AT A GLANCE

FOCUS: A therapeutic after-school and summer program for latency age children that provides individualized support to the child and his/her family. TAP is time limited and goal directed. Our goal is for children to feel success and learn the requisite skills to participate in typical after-school and community activities with less supports.

CAPACITY: 12

GENDER: All

AGE: 6-12 years

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