

Wednesday Wellness Webinar

Meet Our Counselors: Supporting Our Student's Social and Emotional Health



Megan Haas

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About Megan:

- Undergraduate degree in Psychology, with Minors in Sociology and Gender Studies
- Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy
- I have utilized these degrees in many different capacities, including:
 - Department of Job and Family Services as a family therapist to provide intensive services to help stabilize and strengthen the family unit to prevent further involvement from the Department of Job and Family Services

- Community-based mental health agency: contracted with the local public schools to provide mental health services to identified students. I worked with the students and teachers within the school, while also providing family therapy to offer a "wraparound" approach
- Hospital Liaison for Region Ten: working with the patients and treatment teams at Western State Hospital to assess and coordinate housing, mental health services, etc. for patients being discharged from the hospital
- Preschool teacher at a local preschool (teaching a 2yr old and 3yr old class)
- An my most valuable experience....being a parent myself!

K-3 Counseling & Wellness at the Lower School

- Educating and Fostering Development of:
 - Social Skills Building
 - Relaxation Techniques
 - Mindfulness
 - Conflict Resolution Strategies
 - Effective Communication
 - Et Cetera
- My Interactions With Students

Occurs:

- Within The Classroom
- ➤ In My Office
- > On The Playground
- During Lunch Bunch Groups

Don't ever hesitate to contact me, I am here to support your student and partnering with families is invaluable



Courtney Bernsen

4-8 School Counselor cbernsen@stab.org (434) 296-5106 EXT: 1234

About Courtney:

- ❖ Bachelor's degree in Child Development, CSU Stanislaus
- Master's degree in Counseling, University of Maryland
- RYT 500, Yoga 4 Teens certified

- > 17th year as a school counselor
- Started my career as second grade teacher with Department of Defense
- Mother to 2 boys
- Currently supporting students through individual counseling, group counseling, in the classroom, recess and out and about the building!



Sophie Speidel School Counselor

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About Sophie:

- Bachelor's degree in Education, UVA
- Master's degree in Counseling, UVA
- Certified Instructor in Youth Mental Health First Aid

- > Parent of three St. Anne's-Belfield alumni– Chapin '10, Carter '13, Virginia '15
- Beginning 29th year at the School
- JV Girls Lacrosse Head Coach
- ➤ Life Skills 9/10
- > Advisor
- Faculty sponsor of One Love Club and Active Minds

Health and Wellness in the Upper School

- Life Skills 9/10
- Personal Counseling and Referrals
- Peer Mentors and One Love
 10 Signs
- Mental Health First Aid
 Training
- HealthFest: January 19, 2024

Parent Education

Wednesday Wellness Series

Upcoming Topics for Fall 2023:

- Oct 4: Meet The Counselors
- Nov 8: In-Person evening program:
 Puberty Podcast

<u>Health and Wellness Website</u>

Resources

Amanda Sovik-Johnston, Ph. D.

Active and Connected Family Therapy

Active and Connected Families Podcast

<u>Devorah Heitner, Ph. D</u> <u>Growing Up In Public.</u>

Lisa Damour, Ph.D.

The Emotional Lives of Teenagers

Workshop for parents

<u>"Ask Lisa" Podcast</u>: "The Psychology of Parenting" – Apple podcasts



Join us for the next Wednesday Wellness!



Nov 8: In-Person evening program: Puberty Podcast



Formerly Virginia Family Therapy

Services

- Child and Adolescent Therapy
- Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
- Family Therapy
- Neuropsychological Evaluations
 - Autism, ADHD, Learning
 Disorders
 - SAT Accommodations
- Couples Therapy
- Individual Therapy









Specialties

- High Achieving Families
- Anxiety/Depression
- ADHD and Learning Difficulties
- Family conflict and divorce
- LBTQIA+
- Eating Disorders
- Trauma and adoption
- Athletes
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Third Culture Kids
- Self-injury and suicidal ideation



Locations

- Boar's Head
- Crozet
- Pantops
- Rio Rd.
- Pediatric Associates
- Arlington/Alexandria
- Falls Church
- Richmond
- Lynchburg



Our Team



Over 30 Therapists

- 6 Psychologists
- 3 Psychiatrists
- **4 Client Care Coordinators**
- Rates vary from \$40-\$250 per hour
- Sliding scale and payment plan options
- Courtesy superbills sent monthly for out of network insurance reimbursement (check with your insurance carrier)

















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