

## **STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - BEST**

Student Assistance Programs (SAP) have been established in schools throughout Pennsylvania with the cooperative support of the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Health and Welfare. These programs provide schools with the means to identify and refer students who are believed to be “at-risk” for developing problems such as, but not limited to, substance abuse or depression. Schools with Student Assistance Programs have a trained team of school personnel available to assist the student and family in identifying problems that impact on the student’s ability to function in school, and to offer assistance in alleviating these problems.

### **STUDENT ASSISTANCE ASSESSMENT SERVICES**

The purpose of the SAP assessment is to determine if the student has a problem or barrier to learning, and, if so, could be done to help alleviate it. The SAP assessment consists of two or more confidential interviews with the assessor, and is free of charge to any student referred by a school SAP team. Both, the student and their parent(s)/guardian will be interviewed in order to gather information concerning the student’s past and current functioning. The data gathered by the school SAP team is also used to aid in the assessor’s understanding of the student.

Our assessment is provided through the Youth Advocate Program. The assessors are clinicians with training and experience in the areas of substance abuse, adolescence, education, and mental health.

At the conclusion of the assessment the assessor will provide the student and parent/guardian with recommendations and an appropriate referral for further treatment, if necessary. Insurance or ability to pay for treatment will be taken into consideration. A referral can be made to any one of a number of community agencies, professionals, support groups, or in-school resources.

**There is NO CHARGE or FEE for this assessment as long as the child has gone through the School District’s Student Assistance Program Process.**

If you would like to refer someone to the Student Assistance Program please contact our guidance counselor, Linda Miller at 814-643-2900.

***ALL INQUIRIES ARE CONFIDENTIAL***

Our BEST Student Assistance Program team members include:

Patricia Wargo, Principal

Sommer Garman, Assistant Principal

Linda Miller, Guidance Counselor

Denise Felton, Nurse

Mary Ann Buckley

Karolee Coffman

Alison Goodman

Susan Graine

Apryl Hawn

Travis Martin

Marti Mazurowski

Kellyn Miller

Toby Mitchell

Amy Mykut

Becky Robb

Alan Secrest

Susan Sellers

Missy Smyers

Tim Snare

Ken Sowers

# Student Assistance Team Referral Form

To: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Assistance Team \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please check most appropriate general area of concern prompting this referral:**

- A. Possible behavioral issues
- B. Possible academic issues
- C. Both A & B
- D. Other

Please feel free to add any additional information you feel is important for the Student Assistance Team to know regarding the reason for this referral. *(optional)*

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Has someone on the team contacted the family about this concern?     Yes         No

Please explain:

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Please seal and return this referral to the **Assistant Principal**. Thank you!