



Mental Health and School Collaboration

The purpose of community partnerships is to ensure timely and effective collaboration among stakeholders, as “whole child” needs are met of every scholar within the Selma City School System. Such collaboration can ensure the following:

1. Diversity to help expand opportunities for students and their families
2. Provision of mental health resources to support and continue efficient work of educators
3. A shared vision with clear goals

This booklet consists of local mental health and behavioral agencies that are involved with many of our scholars (Behavioral Medicine, Brant Center, Cahaba Center, Christian Services for Children in Alabama, and SAFY). These agencies can provide invaluable support to our scholars and families since mental health symptoms might go unnoticed among children and teens. Such symptoms might be manifested as irritability, mood instability, and/or as a physical ailment. Other agencies are also listed in this resource booklet, as they promote efforts to meet our scholars’ physical and/or juvenile needs (Dallas County Health Department, DHR, and Juvenile Court). Contact information is provided to assist you in the understanding of each agency’s role. Please contact Dr. Smiley, District Behavioral Interventionist, if you have any questions about the referral process involving either agency.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

One main role of the Behavioral Interventionist is to ensure that community partnerships are developed and sustained with fidelity. Communication is key; therefore, all stakeholders should strive to ensure that communication is timely and effective when it involves scholars and families of Selma City Schools.

The Behavioral Interventionist ensures that scholars’ needs are assessed accordingly while recognizing that other agencies may be involved in the

lives of our scholars as well. Referrals are made on an as needed basis to any community agency at any given time.

BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE

Behavioral Medicine PC is in Selma, AL, and Dr. Reynolds is a psychologist who focuses on the evaluation, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of mental, emotional, and behavioral health issues. Dr. Reynolds uses psychotherapy and other counseling skills to improve emotional and mental health of youth. Please contact Behavioral Medicine PC at (334) 877-3322 to get more information on how a scholar's family can schedule an appointment for an evaluation and/or for treatment of mental, emotional, and behavioral health issues of concern.

Please follow this link for more information on Behavioral Medicine:
<https://www.wellness.com/dir/3796588/psychologist/al/selma/behavioral-medicine-pc#referrer>



THE BRANT CENTER

The Brant Center is in Selma, Alabama. It is dedicated to helping at risk youth and their families. It has offices for counseling sessions, a classroom for tutoring, a game room for the kids to unwind once their work has been completed, and a barbershop where young males can get a haircut to help foster their sense of self. Please contact Mr. Brantley, a

licensed social worker, at (334) 300-1039 on how a family can be serviced at this time, as some activities might not be available during the pandemic. When you are considering a referral for a scholar, keep in mind that the Brant Center specializes in the provision of in-home services as well, along with school-based services.

Please follow the link for more information on the Brant Center:

<https://www.selmatimesjournal.com/2019/08/13/selmas-brant-center-opens-new-facility/>



CAHABA CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH

The Cahaba Center for Mental Health is in Selma, Alabama and has been serving Dallas, Perry, and Wilcox counties since 1973. The Cahaba Center serves individuals with mental illness and developmental delays. Services for youth and families prior to the pandemic included but were not limited to:

1. Outpatient Services
2. In-Home Interventions
3. Case management
4. School based services

Please call (334) 875 2100 for an update on how services are provided at this time, as they have been providing services virtually since the start of the pandemic. The Executive Director of the Cahaba Center is Mrs. Carrie Bearden, and the Clinical Director is Dr. Vatausha Howard. Mrs. Joanne Rowe is the Youth and Family Services Director.

Please access this link for more information on the Cahaba Center:

<https://www.cahabamentalhealth.com>

CHRISTIAN SERVICES FOR CHILDREN IN ALABAMA

Christian Services for Children in Alabama is a therapeutic foster care agency with offices across southeastern Alabama. When children cannot stay with their biological families, this agency is obligated to provide them with a safe and loving foster home that can minister to their needs and prepare them to return to their biological families. Please contact this agency at 334 875 0608 for the Group Training Program if you are interested in becoming a foster parent. In-home intensive support is also provided by this agency, as the love of Christ is shown through counseling and related services for children and their families.

<https://cscalabama.org/>



DALLAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

The Dallas County Department of Human Resources (DHR) is in Selma, Alabama. Services for youth and families include child protective services, family services, family assistance, food assistance, foster care, and adoption. Please contact the receptionist at (334) 872 6893, and please copy and paste the link below in your browser for a written report of suspected child abuse/neglect of any of our scholars:

<https://dhr.alabama.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/ChildAbuseForm1593.pdf>

DALLAS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Dallas County Health Department is in Selma, Alabama and provides the following services to the public: clinical services, home health services, and environmental services. Please contact your school nurse and/or Lead Nurse Austin for any health concerns about our scholars. The number to our local health department is (334) 874 2550 for the receptionist, and please follow the link for more information:

<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/dallas/services.html>

Here is the link for vital records application access:

<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/vitalrecords/assets/hs14eng.pdf>

JUVENILE COURT

Juvenile probation officers are an integral part of the Juvenile Justice System. Juvenile probation officers perform a variety of services which are essential to the proper operation of the juvenile courts, including working primarily with youth who are alleged to be delinquent or in need of supervision. Juvenile Court also addresses dependency issues involving children under eighteen years of age. Please contact the Behavioral Interventionist prior to contacting Astrid Craig at (334) 874 2556 for any questions pertaining to juvenile delinquency or dependency issues of any scholar within our district.

Please follow this link for more information on Dallas County Juvenile Court: <https://dallas.alacourt.gov/juvenile/>

SAFY OF ALABAMA

Safy of Alabama has offices in Montgomery, Birmingham, and Decatur-Huntsville. This agency provides services that include adoptive services, therapeutic foster care, family preservation and reunification, behavioral health, and older youth services. A referral can be made by calling 1 800 532 7239 or by following this link: <https://www.safy.org/make-referral/>

YOUR LIFE MATTERS

Your Life Matters is a mental health facility in Hoover, AL and serves families and school districts in various counties across the state of

Alabama. This agency provides the following services, such as Individual Therapy, Group Therapy, Family Therapy, Couples Therapy, Medication Monitoring, Play/Sand tray Therapy, and Basic Living Skills. Contact information for Natasha Worthy @ Your Life Matters is as follows:

Your Life Matters Mental Health Facility, Inc.

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