



Allegheny Children's Initiative Student Assistance Program

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School Districts served by the Allegheny Children's Initiative Student Assistance Program:

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Allegheny Children's Initiative is a nonprofit social services agency located in the South Side of Pittsburgh, that provides help to children and families throughout Allegheny County. We are licensed by the PA Department of Human Services/Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and monitored by Allegheny County Department of Human Services and Community Care Behavioral Health Organization. Allegheny Children's Initiative brings families, schools and community organizations together! We help children function at their highest abilities by providing a continuum of behavioral health oriented services.

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STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



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What is the **STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?**

The Student Assistance Program provides screenings and recommendations for students in contracted school districts who are experiencing barriers in their learning. The goal of the program is to identify students who need extra supports for behavioral, social, academic, substance use, and emotional needs.

Student Assistance is a school intervention program that collaborates among home, school, and the community to support student needs. The Student Assistance Program Liaison is part of a core team that helps link the student and family to school and community resources.

Students are more likely to benefit from program recommendations when parents are informed, involved, and supportive. Active parent support in the process promotes student success and strengthens the decision-making process about any situation that is affecting the education, safety and welfare of their child.

Referrals may be made by:

- Administrators / Teachers
- Counselors / School Nurses
- Parents / Family / Students

**Student
Assistance
Program**



Allegheny Children's Initiative **LIAISON ROLE**

Services the Student Assistance Program Liaisons provide to schools, students and their families:

- School team meetings to discuss students' needs and referral to the program.
- Screening of student to determine needs.
- Recommendations to behavioral health or drug & alcohol services.
- Recommendation follow-up.
- Co-facilitate therapeutic groups.
- Parent / teacher meetings for discussion of students' needs, screening, or referral.
- Consultation with teachers and school personnel.
- Trainings for school personnel and/or parents on topics like depression, suicide, drug and alcohol use, anxiety.
- Therapeutic support for traumatic events that occurred in school or the community.
- Technical assistance in improving the Student Assistance Program process.

Other services Allegheny Children's Initiative can provide:

Contracted additional therapeutic counseling to students and their families on an outpatient basis.

Contracted psychoeducational groups/trainings to students, families, teachers and other school personnel.

Allegheny Children's Initiative **PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

Service Coordination

Outpatient Mental Health

Psychological Services: Best Practice
Evaluations and Written Orders

Intensive Behavioral Health Services

Family Based Mental Health Services



***Confidentiality among all parties
involved in the Student Assistant
Program shall be respected and
maintained in the best interest of
the student and in accordance with
all state and federal laws protecting the
privacy rights of parents and students.***