

FY 2008 QUESTION NUMBER: 23

QUESTION:

How do we communicate the availability of the Kingsley Wilderness Program to parents?

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ANSWER:

Parents and students are informed of the Kingsley Wilderness Program through the standard referral process to alternative programs. Students who are experiencing academic and behavioral difficulties in schools and who do not demonstrate progress in response to revised instructional and/or behavioral strategies are referred to the school's Educational Management Team (EMT) or the Collaboration Action Process (CAP) Team. This team, which includes the parent(s) and student, meets to discuss and determine whether a referral to a Level 2 alternative program such as Kingsley is appropriate. The team discusses the student's strengths, needs, and learning style and the alternative programs that might be most appropriate for the student. It is in this discussion that information about the Kingsley Wilderness Program would be shared. Information from this meeting, including MCPS Form 336-55, *Referral for Alternative Program Placement*, is submitted to the Alternative Programs Unit for review, consideration, and, if approved, placement. The alternative programs leadership team works with parents and students in determining the most appropriate alternative program site.