

Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

April 20, 2022

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education
From: Monifa B. McKnight, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Subject: Resources Provided to Students (02-24-2022-02-E)

During the *School Safety, School Climate, Mental Health, and Restorative Justice Updates* discussion, Board members requested the following information:

Question E

Ms. Harris requested that staff consider the six services noted on slide 19 of the presentation and prepare a one-page document explaining what resources they provide to students so that student journalists can share out at their local schools.

Response Question E

The attached document, *Resources Provided to Students*, provides the information requested by Ms. Harris.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Everett Davis, acting associate superintendent of student and family support and engagement, Office of Teaching, Learning, and Schools, via email.

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Attachment

Copy to:
Executive Staff
Ms. Webb

Resources Provided to Students

Linkages to Learning

Linkages to Learning (LTL) assists students and their families by providing or connecting them to services and resources that address the social, economic, health, and emotional issues which may interfere with student success. We assist whole school communities by bringing additional partners and resources into the school house to offer a range of supports and opportunities to students and families. Services are provided by geographic service area for the four service providers for LTL; the City of Rockville, Every Mind, Sheppard Pratt, and Young Men's Cristian Association (YMCA). Presently, the services are available at 21 elementary schools and 6 middle schools for the 2021-2022 school year. Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, services will be provided at two additional schools, Gaithersburg Elementary School #8 and Odessa Shannon Middle School.

Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Program

The Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Services is a team of multilingual therapists and psychiatrists who provide individual and family therapy, as well as medication management for children and adolescents who live in Montgomery County. To be eligible for services, individuals must be on Medicaid or have no health insurance. To be considered for treatment, contact the clinic at 240-777-1432 or 240-777-1450. A staff person will take the potential client's information and determine their eligibility for services. If an individual is in crisis, please contact the Montgomery County Crisis Center at 240-777-4000.

Positive Youth Development

This program focuses on providing culturally-based and healing-informed positive youth development and family strengthening services including violence prevention; gang prevention; intervention and support for youth and families who are at-risk of gang involvement and those already involved in gang activity; and youth and their families who may have been involved in or exposed to violence and complex trauma. The key elements include a program administrator who manages and monitors the Up-County and Down-County Youth Opportunity Centers, High School Wellness Centers, the Safe Space Program, and the Street Outreach Network. Services and supports are provided through community-based work, community education, and partnerships.

Screening and Assessment Services for Children and Adolescents

Screening and Assessment Services for Children and Adolescents conducts assessments and makes treatment recommendations and referrals for Montgomery County youth. Specific services include information regarding substance abuse assessment and treatment services; assessment of drug and alcohol abuse as well as other related problems; urine drug screening; referral for drug and alcohol education seminars for youth and families; and referral for appropriate treatment services. The contact number and address is 240-777-1430, Department of Health and Human Services, 7300 Calhoun Place, Rockville, Maryland 20855

Street Outreach Network

The mission of the Street Outreach Network is to prevent, neutralize, and control hostile behavior in high-risk youth and youth gangs through the development of positive relationships between youth/community stakeholders and the outreach workers. The outreach worker will utilize positive youth development programs and leisure time activities as the intervening vehicle for redirecting antisocial and aggressive behaviors. The contact number is 240-777-1264.

School Community-Based Youth Services

School Community-Based Youth Services are services that provide school and community-based mental health and wellness promotion, prevention and intervention services to school-age youth and their families who present with, or are at risk for developing, mental/emotional/behavioral health problems that are mild to moderate in intensity, duration, and scope; providing services that are aligned with local school/community needs. Services provided through this program are delivered through contracts with community-based partners, the City of Rockville, Every Mind, Sheppard Pratt, and YMCA, and include youth academic, mentoring, skill building and mental health services, family services, and community empowerment efforts based on catchment zones.