

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2007-2008?

- The School District has partnerships with several community behavioral health agencies so that school based staff may refer students to these agencies and feel comfortable with the quality of services the students and their families receive.
- These community behavioral health agencies provide individual and group counseling, case management, psychiatric evaluations, medication management, and complete comprehensive behavioral health assessments for children in foster care and/or shelter care.
- The SEDNET office in the SSS Department maintains a database on its website, www.broward.k12.fl.us/studentsupport/sednet/html/mhdatabase.htm (Mental Health Provider List) of the approved agencies and their staff that are permitted to provide services on school campuses.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?

- Every time a staff member from a behavioral health partner agency comes onto a school campus to see a student alone, school staff **must** check the Mental Health Provider List to ensure that the agency **AND** individual staff are listed.
- Behavioral health agency staff members do not need a school district vendor ID badge, however, they should show their agency ID badge and their name **must** be listed on the Mental Health Provider List (all staff listed on the Mental Health Provider List have been screened and cleared in accordance with the Jessica Lunsford Act).

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?

- It is possible an agency staff member that has **not** been screened and cleared in accordance with the Jessica Lunsford Act could be alone with a student.

WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

- Any school-based staff member who is responsible for allowing non-school district staff on school campuses.

HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?

- The Behavioral Health Partnership Committee will seek feedback from school-based staff as to the use of the Mental Health Provider List.

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