



Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter is written to inform you of Lifespan, Inc.'s School Based Support Services that are provided at your child's school. Lifespan, Inc. is a non-profit community social service agency. In partnership with Butler Tech, the School Based Support Services program addresses the needs of students and families to remove barriers to learning and promote school success.

Students achieve more when they feel safe, secure, and have their physical and emotional needs met. School Based Support Workers focus on social, emotional, behavioral, and mental health needs of students. Your child may be referred to a School Based Support Worker (SBSW) if such a need is identified. If referred, SBSWs work with students, parents, teachers, and other staff to meet a student's needs and access the necessary services to help them reach their full potential. Students and parents/guardians do not have to pay a fee for these services. Your child and family can access these services on a voluntary basis.

The School Based Support Worker is available to provide:

- a. **Information and Referral Services** to help families access targeted community resources and services to meet their needs such as medical and dental care, food, clothing, housing, employment, daycare, educational opportunities, positive community activities, domestic violence services, and/or mental health therapy/services.
- b. **Linkage to Crisis Intervention Services** to support students during times of crisis. The SBSW is often the first responder to behavioral crises. Crises often include suicidal thoughts or gestures, homicidal thoughts, behaviorally out of control, actively psychotic, or recently sexually assaulted.
- c. **Mental Health Educational Service Groups** based on the need of the specific student population. Such groups could include anger management, conflict resolution, grief, or life skills groups.
- d. **Prevention Services** to focus on development of competency skills, self-esteem, stress management, mental health promotion, life-style management, and goal setting.

The School Based Support Services Informed Consent Form and Student Rights documents are available for your review. Because we are a separate entity from the school, we want you to be aware of all aspects of our services, confidentiality issues and limits, grievance procedure, and student rights and responsibilities. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions at (513)868-6300 Butler Tech Bioscience, D. Russel Lee Career Technology Center and Butler Tech School of the Arts or (513)785-3789 (LifeSpan). We are here to help make your child's high school experience a positive one!

Sincerely,

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