

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter is written to inform you of LifeSpan School Based Support Services that are provided at your child's school. Lifespan 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 (SBSW) focus on the social, emotional, behavioral, and mental health needs of students. Your child may be referred to a SBSW if needed. SBSW work with students, parents, teachers, and other staff to meet their needs and provide necessary services. 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 able to provide:

<u>Prevention Services:</u> self-esteem, stress management, mental health promotion, conflict resolution, de-escalation and goal setting allowing for personal academic success. <u>Crisis Intervention Services:</u> support students during times of crisis including suicidal thoughts or gestures, homicidal thoughts, behaviorally out of control and other circumstances as identified. <u>Information and Referral Services:</u> helping students and families access medical, food, clothing, housing, employment, mental health therapy/services and other resources as needed. <u>Mental Health Educational Service Groups:</u> based on the need of the specific student population. Previous groups include grief and loss, self esteem and life skills.

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) 645-5450 (Butler Tech Bioscience Center), (513) 894-8419 (D. Russel Lee Career Technology Center), (513) 887-2787 (Butler Tech School of the Arts) or (513) 868-3210 (LifeSpan). We are here to help make your child's high school experience a positive one!

Sincerely,

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LifeSpan School Based Support Workers