

EMPS-SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

This document serves as a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") between Mobile Crisis "EMPS" program at The Child & Family Guidance Center, and Stratford School for Aviation Maintenance Technicians and Bullard-Havens Technical High School and has been developed in order to specify roles and expectations between these parties for meeting the behavioral health needs of Stratford School for Aviation Maintenance Technicians and Bullard-Havens Technical High School. The MOA has been developed for the following purposes:

- To promote earlier identification of students with behavioral health needs and support timely linkage to appropriate supports and services;
- To develop a uniform process to identify and refer students who have behavioral health and psychiatric needs to community-based services including The Child & Family Guidance Center's Mobile Crisis "EMPS" team and other appropriate services;
- To promote alternatives to psychiatric emergency department visits among students with behavioral health concerns;
- To reduce unnecessary arrests, suspensions, expulsions, police contact and other juvenile justice involvement among students with behavioral health concerns;
- To enhance communication and coordination among The Child & Family Guidance Center's Mobile Crisis "EMPS" team and Stratford School for Aviation Maintenance Technicians and Bullard-Havens Technical High School regarding students experiencing mental health concerns.

The aim of the Mobile Crisis "EMPS" program is to provide a community-based crisis stabilization service to children and families in the least restrictive setting possible, and support their transition to ongoing treatment services, as appropriate.

The Child & Family Guidance Center's Mobile Crisis "EMPS" program agrees to the following:

- Have Mobile Crisis EMPS program available to respond in person to crisis calls from Stratford School for Aviation Maintenance Technicians and Bullard-Havens Technical High School during EMPS mobile hours (Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.);
- Respond by offering telephone support Monday through Friday 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. through the EMPS 24 hour centralized access number (211);
- Respond to all requests for service by Stratford School for Aviation Maintenance Technicians and Bullard-Havens Technical High School within 45 minutes or less;
- Offer Stratford School for Aviation Maintenance Technicians and Bullard-Havens Technical High School students brief in-school crisis stabilization services with appropriate follow-up services;
- Develop a student-specific crisis plan within the episode of care and share that plan with the family, school staff, treatment providers, and other relevant parties upon execution of a proper release from the parent or guardian;
- Provide case management service linkages to students referred by Stratford School for Aviation Maintenance Technicians and Bullard-Havens Technical High School and their families; and;
- Collaborate and maintain close communication with the appropriate educational staff to develop an effective plan of care for each student referred for EMPS services.

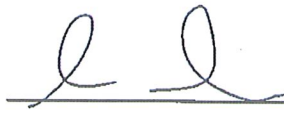
Stratford School for Aviation Maintenance Technicians and Bullard-Havens Technical High School agree to:

- Contact EMPS at 211 (at menu, press "1" for crisis and "1" again for Mobile Crisis) when a student is determined to be experiencing a psychiatric or behavioral health crisis and can benefit from in-person crisis stabilization services;
- Collaborate with The Child & Family Guidance Center's Mobile Crisis "EMPS" clinician(s) as needed to develop community-based plans for students receiving Mobile Crisis "EMPS" services;
- Provide space for The Child & Family Guidance Center's Mobile Crisis "EMPS" clinician(s) to meet with the student and provide educational staff support to the Mobile Crisis "EMPS" clinician(s) as needed; and
- Collaborate with The Child & Family Guidance Center's Mobile Crisis "EMPS" clinician(s) to adopt and implement new practices in crisis assessment and referral; adhere to recommendations on the effective utilization of Mobile Crisis "EMPS" services; maintain contact with the family or legal guardians of students that utilize Mobile Crisis "EMPS" services; and maintain consistent working relationships with The Child & Family Guidance Center's Mobile Crisis "EMPS" clinician(s).

Both parties agree to:

- Designate a person(s) from each agency to participate in quality review as it relates to the terms of this agreement; and
- Collaborate to develop shared crisis safety planning processes and procedures.

This Memorandum of Agreement will remain in effect unless one or both parties wish to terminate or modify the agreement, or the EMPS program is no longer in operation. Both parties agree to provide 30 days notice in advance of terminating or modifying this agreement.

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