

School-Based Programs offered in:

Clarendon County District 1
Clarendon County District 2
Clarendon County District 3
Kershaw County School District
Lee County School District
Sumter County School District

We serve students from ages 3 to 18 years old. Contact us to find out if we offer services at your school. Services are also offered in all of our local clinics.



How to make a Referral

Parents/Guardians may directly contact us to refer their child. Students may also be referred by school staff, state agencies, community providers, or medical providers. School guidance counselors, administrators, social workers or psychologists typically initiate referrals after obtaining parental consent. Once a child's parent/guardian agrees to the referral, the therapist arranges an appointment with parents and the student. Same day services are available at each of our local clinics.

How To Reach Us:

Normal Hours:
8:30 a.m.—5:00p.m.

Child, Adolescent and Family
Services Clinic
1175 N. Guignard Dr.
Sumter, SC 29151
803-775-7898

Clarendon County MHC
215 Commerce St
Manning, SC 29102
803-435-2124

Lee County MHC
817 Brown St.
Bishopville, SC 29010
803-484-9414

Kershaw County MHC
2611 Liberty Hill Rd
Camden, SC 29020
803-432-5323

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SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

*Expanding access to care
for students and families*

Santee Wateree
Community Mental Health Center
*Serving Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee and
Sumter Counties*

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Department of
Mental Health

Goals of the School-Based Services Program

- To increase the accessibility of school counseling services for children and families in a more natural setting.
- To provide behavioral health programs and training that address early intervention service options for schools and communities.
- To provide consultation for teachers and other school staff as well as raise awareness within the school community on general mental health topics.
- To increase partnerships within the school and community that promote emotional health.

Services Provided

Screening (depression, trauma, etc.)
Diagnostic Assessment
Individual therapy
Family therapy
Group therapy
Crisis intervention
Teacher/Staff consultation
Teacher/Parent education
Care Coordination
Medication evaluation by MD
is available off site



Students Who Benefit

Examples of problems that can be successfully addressed include:

- Attention deficit/hyperactivity issues that impact learning
- Problems adjusting to a new setting or situation such as death, divorce, or loss/separation of a family member
- Persistent reactions to witnessing or experiencing trauma or history of trauma
- Mood swings, depressed mood, severe worry/anxiety
- Suspected physical, sexual or emotional abuse
- Aggressive behaviors, anger control problems, or opposition toward authority
- Alcohol/Drug use
- Age inappropriate behavior, bullying or peer socialization issues
- Family Concerns
- Threats of harm to self or others

All services are provided by master's level counselors with advanced knowledge, training and experience a related mental health field.



*Building Hope, Changing Lives,
Strengthening Community*

Benefits to Students

- No stigma to students or families
- Reduced absences since students don't need to leave school for therapy services
- Ability to intervene early to address problems or worries
- Therapist is viewed by students as "a trusted school counselor"
- Therapeutic and behavior plans are integrated into educational setting for improved learning
- Students have a support network at school and a liaison with teachers
- Services are available to student all year during school holidays and summer breaks

Benefits to the School

- Crisis and routine referrals handled on-site
- Therapists are able to work frequently with students who experience challenges in school due to social/emotional stressors
- School-based services are integrated with existing school-wide initiatives and teams
- Easy access for school staff to consult therapist regarding students and general mental health concerns
- Family engagement is improved resulting in positive outcomes for the school community