

Behaviors of Concern

- School avoidance/refusal
- Difficulty making friends or frequent complaints of bullying
- Aggressive behavior
- Frequent physical complaints
- Failing grades or frustration in completing school work
- Change in sleep/eating habits, behavior, or interests

Please call with any questions and for enrollment information

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**HELPING CHILDREN
BECOME SUCCESSFUL IN
LIFE**

Staff Qualifications

- Primary therapists are Mental Health Professionals, Licensed Behavioral Specialists, or Licensed Professional Counselors
- All staff have extensive experience in the treatment of childhood mental health issues
- All staff are experienced in addressing the concerns of children and their families with a comprehensive team approach that includes the child, family, school, and community
- Psychiatrist provides complete clinical oversight and additional evaluation upon referral

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POSITIVE STEPS

**School-Based Behavioral
Health Program
(SBBH)**

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Medical Director**

**Victoria Phillippi, MSCP, LPC, NCC, CCTP
Clinical Director**

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SERVICES

Individual and Family Therapy

During sessions the primary therapist will emphasize psycho-education, parent training in behavior modification strategies, community resources, brief family therapy, motivational enhancement strategies, and other strategies to target the students' needs.

Consultation with School Staff

Therapists will consult with teachers, paraprofessionals, and school administration as needed to address any behavioral, social, or emotional concerns.

Assessment

Each student referred for services will receive an assessment to determine the direction and scope of treatment needs. Therapists will gather information from the child, their family, and school staff/administration to complete a thorough assessment.

Summer Therapy

Throughout the summer, group therapy sessions may be offered focusing on relevant issues such as anger control, bullying, self-esteem, and grief/loss. Individual therapy continues throughout the summer.



CARE

At WPPC, we are committed to providing the highest quality mental health care to children, adults and families in Western Pennsylvania. We believe that each person who seeks treatment services deserves to be treated with concern, thoughtfulness, and attentiveness. Treatment is provided in a manner that respects the inherent value of every person. We strive to improve the quality of life for children, adults, and families, and in so doing, the communities of Western Pennsylvania.



REFERRAL INFORMATION

Referral Sources

A child can be referred by

- School Staff or Teachers
- Administration
- Counselors or Pediatricians
- Parents or Legal Guardians
- Student (14 years old or older)

Referral Reasons

Common Childhood Disorders

- ADHD
- Anxiety Disorders
- Oppositional-Defiant Disorder
- Childhood Depression

Other Problem Areas Such As

- Truancy
- Decision-making
- Social skills
- Bullying
- Anger/frustration with school work
- Separation anxiety