



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Schools

FROM: Dr. Dianna R. Wentzell, Commissioner of Education 

DATE: January 13, 2016

SUBJECT: P.A.13-178 "An Act Concerning the Mental, Emotional and Behavioral Health of Youths."

During the 2013 Legislative Session, the Connecticut General Assembly passed into law Public Act 13-178, which includes Section 1, Part 4(b) requiring that, "Emergency mobile psychiatric service providers shall collaborate with community-based mental health care agencies, school-based health centers and the contracting authority for each local or regional board of education throughout the state, utilizing a variety of methods, including, but not limited to, memoranda of understanding, policy and protocols regarding referrals and outreach and liaison between the respective entities. These methods shall be designed to (1) improve coordination and communication in order to enable such entities to promptly identify and refer children with mental, emotional or behavioral health issues to the appropriate treatment program, and (2) plan for any appropriate follow-up with the child and family."

Emergency mobile psychiatric services (EMPS) deliver a range of crisis response and stabilization services to children, youth, their families and caregivers, including, children residing in relative, adoptive and foster care homes. For children currently involved in clinical treatment, the EMPS first assesses the capability of clinical services to handle the intervention. The EMPS provider is also responsible for assuring that the client receives appropriate care during the crisis period. Related services include: mobile response; psychiatric assessment; medication consultation, assessment, and short-term medication management; behavioral management services; substance abuse screening; and referrals to traditional and non-traditional services for any family with a child in crisis.

These services contribute to a school's capacity to provide alternatives to disciplinary sanctions and assist in meeting the complex needs of students experiencing social-emotional, psychological or behavioral issues. If your district has not yet established a memorandum of understanding with your local EMPS provider, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) encourages you to initiate contact as soon as possible. A list of EMPS providers is attached to assist you with contacting the appropriate provider for your community.

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The CSDE encourages all districts to continue to work with partners such as EMPS to develop policies and practices that address the health and developmental needs of young people in order to improve their academic performance and well-being.

For questions, please contact Scott Newgass at 860-807-2044 or scott.newgass@ct.gov.

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Attachment: EMPS providers contact list

FIND AN EMERGENCY MOBILE PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES PROVIDER

■ Child and Family Guidance Center

180 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06604
Phone: 203-394-6529
Fax: 203-384-8835

Towns covered: Bridgeport, East Hampton, Easton, Fairfield, Monroe, Stratford, Trumbull, Weston

■ Middlesex Hospital is the subcontractor for Community Health Resources

51 Broad St.
Middletown, CT 06457
Phone: 860-358-3401
Fax: 860-358-3403

Towns covered: Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland, Westbrook

■ United Community and Family Services – Norwich

77 East Town St.
Norwich, CT 06360
Phone: 860-822-4940
Fax: 860-859-4420

Towns covered: Bozrah, Colchester, East Lyme, Franklin, Griswold, Groton, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, Montville, New London, North Stonington, Norwich, Preston, Salem, Sprague, Stonington, Voluntown, Waterford

■ United Community & Family Services – Plainfield

31 Dow Road
Plainfield, CT 06374
Phone: 860-822-4906
Fax: 860-317-1065

Towns covered: Ashford, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, Eastford, Hampton, Killingly, Mansfield, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Scotland, Sterling, Thompson, Union, Willington, Windham, Woodstock

■ Wellmore, Waterbury Office

70 Pine St.
Waterbury, CT 06710
Phone: 203-236-0152
Fax: 203-596-0722

Towns covered: Beacon Falls, Cheshire, Middlebury, Naugatuck, Oxford, Prospect, Southbury, Waterbury, Watertown, Wolcott

■ Wellmore, Danbury Office

Phone: 203-205-0712
Fax: 203-797-9858

Towns covered: Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Danbury, Newtown, New Fairfield, New Milford, Ridgefield, Sherman

■ Wellmore, Torrington Office

Phone: 860-626-7012
Fax: 860-626-7014

Towns covered: Barkhamsted, Bethlehem, Canaan, Colebrook, Cornwall, Goshen, Hartland, Harwinton, Kent, Litchfield, Morris, New Hartford, Norfolk, North Canaan, Roxbury, Salisbury, Sharon, Thomaston, Torrington, Warren, Washington, Winchester, Woodbury

■ Child and Family Guidance Center

1 Park Street
Norwalk, CT 06851
Phone: 203-212-6531

Towns covered: Norwalk, Westport, Wilton

■ Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut is the subcontractor for Child Guidance Center of Greater Bridgeport.

196 Greyrock Place
Stamford, CT 06901
Phone: 203-324-6127
Fax: 203-353-1524

Towns covered: Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, Stamford

■ Clifford W. Beers Guidance Clinic

Phone: 203-785-0622
Fax: 203-785-0617

Towns covered: Branford, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Madison, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Redding
Bridges is the subcontractor for the Clifford W. Beers Guidance Clinic.

Phone: 203-878-6365

Towns covered: Ansonia, Bethany, Derby, Milford, Orange, Seymour, Shelton, West Haven, Woodbridge

■ **Wheeler Clinic, Hartford**

91 Northwest Drive
Plainville, CT 06062
Phone: 860-727-8935
Fax: 860-241-0327

Towns covered: Hartford, West Hartford

■ **Wheeler Clinic, New Britain**

Phone: 860-793-3394
Fax: 860-793-3371

Towns covered: Avon, Berlin, Bristol, Burlington, Canton, Farmington, New Britain, Newington, Plainville, Plymouth, Rocky Hill, Simsbury, Southington, Wethersfield

■ **Wheeler Clinic, Meriden**

Phone: 860-632-3238
Fax: 860-632-3230

Towns covered: Meriden, Wallingford

■ **Community Health Resources**

995 Day Hill Rd.
Windsor, CT 06095
Phone: 860-731-5522 ext. 265
Fax: 860-731-5537

Towns covered: Andover, Bloomfield, Bolton, East Granby, East Hartford, East Windsor, Ellington, Enfield, Glastonbury, Granby, Hebron, Manchester, Marlborough, Somers, South Windsor, Stafford, Suffield, Tolland, Vernon, Windsor, Windsor Locks