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School Tools

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Hello, my name is...

With a new school year in full swing and mental-health related headlines filling the news, we wanted to take this opportunity to reintroduce ourselves and the services that Saint Louis Counseling—your partners in mental health—offer.

As a non-profit agency and as the name implies, Saint Louis Counseling provides counseling and psychiatric services to individuals and families of all ages and backgrounds, as well as parenting classes, trainings and other mentalhealth services at our 8 office locations.

Our School Partnership Program (SPP) is designed to assist students in K-12, who attend parochial, private, and public schools across the St. Louis area. Embedded in 100 schools this year, the SPP therapists provide school-specific services to students, teachers and administrators based on the philosophy that the school, family, and community are partners in educating children, strengthening families, and building stronger, safer communities.

If you would like to learn more about Saint Louis Counseling or SPP, please check out our website at:

SaintLouisCounseling.org.

SERVICES

- ◆ Counseling services at our 8 office locations
- **♦ Psychiatric** services at 5 office locations
- ♦ Crisis-intervention services
- ♦ School-based prevention services
- ♦ School-based counseling services

Is it a mental health concern?

When there aren't extreme external signs, it's often difficult for adults to determine whether or not a student may benefit from talking to a counselor.

You ARE the expert when it comes to your child, but we know it can be an internal struggle on whether or not you should seek professional help. The following signs are generalized but can be examples of when you might consider consulting with a clinician.

Typically, these are the signs to look for:

- Decreased interest in or inability to enjoy previously preferred activities
- Frequent sadness, tearfulness, crying

- ♦ Constant worry, anxiety, or fearfulness
- Persistent boredom; low energy
- ♦ Social isolation, poor communi-
- ♦ Low self-esteem and lack of self
- ♦ Inability to express feelings or expresses them inappropriately
- Extreme sensitivity to rejection
- Increased irritability, anger, hostility or overreaction
- Difficulty with relationships
- Frequent complaints of physical illnesses such as headaches and stomachaches
- Frequent absences from school
- ♦ Poor academic performance

- ♦ Defiance of rules or constant discipline problems
- Poor concentration
- A major change in eating and/or sleeping patterns
- ◆ Talk of or efforts to run away
- ♦ Thoughts or expressions of suicide or self-destructive be-

Consulting with your school-based therapist, or our office intake specialist can be helpful in making the determination on how to proceed, and can also often leave you with recommendations for your classroom or home. We want to partner with you and always aim to point you in the right direction toward helping your student.

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