Student Assistance Program
Liaison Outreach Newsletter
ANNOUNCEMENTS, RESOURCES AND RAISING AWARENESS
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allegheny children's initiative
Hope starts here

The Pennsylvania Network for Student Assistance has updated the four phases of SAP:

Phase 1

Observe behavior concern
Anyone can refer a student to SAP for observable behavior of concern

Receive SAP referral
Referrals should be made in writing using paper or electronic referral forms

Engage in team discussion
At a SAP meeting, the team determines if the SAP process is appropriate for this referral and routes to other teams as needed

Assign a SAP team case manager
Select a SAP team case manager for each student who is the best fit or has a connection with the child/family

Phase 2

Distribute and collect behavior checklists
Checklists are gathered from all staff who interact with the child (counselors, administrators, teachers, nurses, coaches, etc.)

Gather school data
This could include data on grades, attendance, behavior, discipline, nurse visits, and more

Complete parent/guardian initial conversation and obtain written permission
This initial contact will explain SAP, build rapport, and gather info

Conduct student conversation
Active consent must be received before the student conversation

Review and summarize data
This data will be used in the next phase

Phase 3

Engage student and family to develop an action plan
Family engagement is an important part of SAP and action plans are developed to assist in connecting the student/family to recommended services both in school and in the community

Identify appropriate school and community resources
Use resource maps or lists and use data to drive decision-making

Consult with SAP liaison to determine the need for screening/assessment
SAP liaisons can also assist in recommending other services

If screening or assessment is recommended, obtain written consent
Active written parent/guardian consent must be received for the liaison to complete a screening or assessment

Ensure the action plan is data-driven, measurable, and achievable
Include goals, recommendations, indicators of success, and timelines

Phase 4

Monitor and review the action plan through check-ins with student, family, and referral source
Ongoing communication is a key component of follow-up to ensure the plan is being implemented and the services/supports being provided to the student are being successful in helping the student reach their goals

Track progress using data and adjust the plan as needed
Continue to collect data to drive decision-making and adjust action plans

Close the case when appropriate
Cases are closed when services are being implemented, progress is made toward goals, or at the end of the year
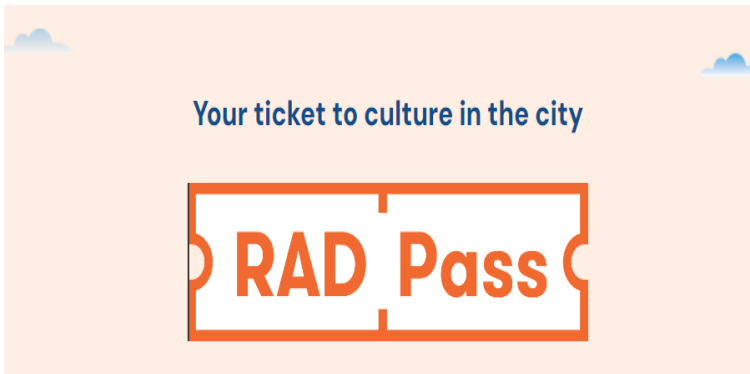
Complete PDE4092 form
Records kept throughout the process will aid in state reporting requirements

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What is SAP:

The Student Assistance Program provides screenings and recommendations for students in contracted school districts who are experiencing barriers in their learning. The goal of the program is to identify students who need extra supports for behavioral, social, academic, substance use, and emotional needs. ***Please contact your school Principal or Counselor if you think your child/student would benefit from SAP.***

Check out our website to learn more about SAP and Allegheny Children's Initiative: ***https://AlleghenyChildrens.org/our-services/student-assistance-program/***

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Summer Resources

Regional Asset District (RAD) PASS

This summer, you can enjoy free or discounted tickets to many locations favorites and all you need is a library card. Check out RAD Pass – Your ticket to culture in the city

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RAD Pass

Summer and Screen Time!

Being out of the school year routine can be difficult for children. It is important to establish a new schedule/routine for children in the summer. Having a plan will help limit the amount of screen time for your child and will make it easier when the new school year starts in the fall. Check out these websites for ideas and schedules to help your child:

Printable Summer Rules Checklist for Screen Time (FREE) | Happy Mom Hacks

How to Create a Summer Schedule for Kids - Plus Sample Routines! (thesavvysparrow.com)

Sample Summer Schedules for Kids (& Smoother Days Ahead!) 2024 (thepragmaticparent.com)

Summer Camps = Kidsburgh

Looking for some fun and interesting summer cmps specific to your kids' interest? Check out Kidsburgh.com guide to 2024 Summer Camps: Kidsburgh's 2024 Summer Camp Guide for the Pittsburgh region (nearly 70 camps!) | Pittsburgh is Kidsburgh

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Looking for summer camps in the Pittsburgh area? Our big guide has them all!

Summer Free Printable

Screen Time
Rules for Summer

FIRST YOUR HAVE TO
- Brush Your Teeth
- Get Dressed
- Make your Bed
- Eat Breakfast

NEXT
- Read for 20 Minutes
- Write, Color or Math for 20 Minutes
- Do Your Daily Chores
- Do Something Creative - Craft, Legos
- Head Outside to Play for 20 Minutes

Now You Can Use Electronics
www.happymomhacks.com