

Hope • Healing • Resilience



School Connections Program

Bridging the Gap Between
Home and School



DFYF's School Connections program provides supportive counseling services for youth referred through their schools. Collaboration with the youth's caregiving team - including parents, guardians, and teachers - are incorporated into service plans to support students in the school and home environment.

DFYF's partnership with schools is a great support to parents, guardians, and teachers in addressing concerns where they occur. We work with students who are experiencing behavioral, emotional, or crisis situations impacting their school and/or home. Program details:

- Each partner school has a DFYF clinician assigned to them who is responsible for providing interventions to those students who have been identified in need of services. Clinicians meet with student in schools and provide limited home-based services during breaks.
- Referrals are accepted from school administration, school staff, or through parent request and can be submitted to the DFYF clinician at your school or through our Intake Department at 614.294.2661. Parents/guardians are informed that their child is being referred to the School Connections program by the school principal or a contact at the school.
- Clinician will meet with parent/guardian and student to identify needs through a mental health assessment and establish goals on an Individualized Treatment Plan.
- Typical length of counseling is 3-6 months depending on the need.
- Medicaid will cover fees for eligible students. If the student is not eligible for Medicaid, services may be provided on a sliding fee scale based on a financial assessment and private insurance.
- DFYF strongly supports a collaborative relationship with the school and family to assist students in meeting their full potential.



For more information, contact DFYF's Intake Department at 614.294.2661 or intake@dfyf.org

Elementary School

- Raising self-esteem & building confidence
- Managing feelings
- Processing trauma
- Building life & social skills
- Improving school performance & behavior
- Dealing with grief & loss issues
- Building relationships through positive interactions with family & peers
- Learning positive coping skills

Middle, High School

- Raising self-esteem & building confidence
- Managing feelings in a healthy way (anger, sadness, anxiety)
- Reducing self-harm behaviors
- Dealing with grief & loss issues (death, divorce, relocation)
- Improving school performance & behavior
- Resolving conflict
- Learning positive decision-making (including avoiding peer pressure)
- Processing trauma

