



4J Student Care Teams

Information for School Staff

What is a Student Care Team?

A team of school staff and community partners with a common goal. To prevent child abuse and neglect and improve school success by working together as a team to discuss concerns about children/families, problem solve solutions, collaborate, and assist in brokering resources for families. There will be 2 regional teams that will each meet monthly.

Who is on the team?

Team members can include school counselors, secretary, principal, teachers, and other support staff within the school such as the McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison. The team also includes Oregon Department of Human Services staff from both Child Welfare and Self Sufficiency Program, Lane County, Relief Nursery, Centro Latino Americano, Looking Glass, Catholic Community Services Family Support & Connections, and various mental health agencies.

Which students or families would make a good referral?

- Concerns about a student or family that isn't rising to the level of Child Welfare or Department of Youth Services (DYS) intervention
- You know there is an open Child Welfare or DYS case and you need help connecting with the worker or supervisor
- Families that you think need public assistance such as SNAP, childcare assistance, medical or TANF and you aren't sure if they are receiving benefits, or they need help with the application process
- Families who could use help with basic needs and you aren't sure where to refer
- Students that need connected with services such as mental health or medical
- Families that are involved in multiple agencies and coordination of services are needed

How do you make a referral? *Any school staff can refer a student or family to the team.*

- Explain to the parent about the Student Care Team. Get permission and a signed release. *If you can't get a release signed, you can talk to the team using general information (no names) and we can assist with referral recommendations.
- Send the signed release and a summary of concerns to Amy McCormick at mccormick_a@4j.lane.edu
- You can attend the meeting if you are able, or the school counselor or other staff member can present the concerns to the team.
- A follow up plan is made at the meeting and then you connect back with the family.

Questions? Contact:

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