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Dear Parent:

In cooperation with NICE Community School District (NICE), the Marquette County Health Department (MCHD) will be providing Mental Health services in an office located at Westwood High School in the Counseling Center. This is being made possible by a grant through the State of Michigan and administered by the State Child and Adolescent Health Clinic program. There are over 140 school based health centers in Michigan and these centers have been proven to help students achieve academic success by keeping students healthy, learning, and in school. MCHD will provide high quality mental health counseling services for students ages 5-21 at Westwood High School (WHS), during the school day and throughout the summer.

The clinic will open August 26th, 2019 and will operate much like any other private office offering mental health counseling services. All students receiving services at the office will be given an annual health risk assessment and, when necessary, referrals will be made to your child's primary care provider or other provider as appropriate. **No** abortion counseling or referrals are made at the clinic.

The office accepts Medicaid and all major insurance carriers. When appropriate, insurance co-pays and deductible amounts will be billed; however, no child will be turned away for services regardless of ability to pay. Application assistance for MI Child/Medicaid/Healthy Kids will be provided.

Jamie Dieterle, LMSW, CAADC will be providing Mental Health Services at WHS. The Marquette County Health Department will oversee the operations of the clinic and licensed professionals from Great Lakes Recovery Centers will provide clinical supervision.

The office is located in the Counseling Center at Westwood High School and will be open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. most weeks during the school year and over the summer months. As mentioned above, the office can see children ages 5 – 21; consequently, children in the middle school and elementary schools can also be seen by Jamie. Currently, MCHD has no means for transportation to bring children to the high school; therefore, the parent will be responsible to get the child to their appointment.

In order for your child to receive care at the clinic, you simply need to complete a parent/guardian consent form once during their time in the NICE school system. The consent will remain on file as long as your child is attending school at any NICE school. If your child has a primary care provider, we would like to ensure good coordination of care with that provider's office. Signing the consent form will allow the office and your child's physician to communicate for that purpose. You and your child may also decline the sharing of this information with the primary care provider by noting that on the form.

It is very important and we encourage and prefer that the consent form is returned. However, please note Michigan law requires that adolescents be able to obtain certain confidential health care services without parental permission. Health care providers are required by law to keep those services CONFIDENTIAL, meaning we are only able to share confidential information if your child gives us permission to do so. Mental health services and substance abuse services fall into this category. We will encourage your child to share this information with you and we will always share information with you if your child's life is in danger.

Please complete the form and return it to your school office at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions feel free to call the school and ask for Jamie at 906-485-1023. You may also mail your form to:

Jamie Dieterle, LMSW, CAADC
Westwood High School
300 Westwood Drive
Ishpeming, MI 49849

Please stop in and say hello, ask questions, and/or pick up or drop off a consent form.

Thank you,



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