

S.N.A.P.

Student Needs Assessment Program

Student Assistance Program Offering: Education, Care, Intervention, Referral, Student Services, Support for our Eastern Students

What is SNAP?

SNAP, an acronym for Student Needs Assessment Program, is designed to improve the quality of education in our school by providing support for all students. Eastern York High School has been a leader in York County providing help and services for students in need. Eastern York High School has formed a Core Team which helps to identify students who are not doing well in school or who seem to be troubled.

SNAP focused on helping students to identify and learn behaviors which will positively influence their lives. The function of our high school SNAP team is to recognize potential student problems and to make appropriate referrals for outside agency providers. Students are encouraged to understand their behaviors and to seek help from the appropriate methods available. We understand that the pressures and stress in young people today are great. Some students experience difficulty in dealing with these situations. The SNAP team is available to assist in dealing with problems. Students experiencing difficulties due to drugs, alcohol, depression, mental health issues, or suicidal thoughts may benefit from referral to our SNAP program.

Who may make a referral?

Students, teachers, administrators, counselors, and parents may recommend students who may need assistance.

Self-referrals are viewed with high priority. Referral forms may be placed in the locked confidential drop-off box located in the Nurses' office. Direct contact with a team member is also an available method for referral. Our goal is to be readily accessible for all students if the need arises. All referrals, records, and information are kept confidential.

What happens next?

Once a referral is made, information is gathered concerning attendance patterns, academic status, disciplinary actions, and general school behavior. Parental involvement is most important and notification will take place following a review of individual referrals. A team member talks with the referred student and offers opportunity for change. The Core Team continues to monitor and provide support for the student. Confidentiality is respected and maintained in the best interest of the student. Parental contact will be made to appraise parents/guardians of the

school's concern and potential recommendations.

Who coordinates SNAP?

The SNAP team monitors their own organization in meetings and presentations. The Assistant Principal serves as the general coordinator of the program. The following list represents the Trained Staff Members:

Mr. Mark Shue, Principal
Mr. Brad Couch, Assistant Principal
Mr. Sean McDevitt, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Shelly Lehnortt, Guidance Counselor
Mrs. Natali Monaghan, Guidance Counselor
Ms. Chris Cordell, Art Teacher
Mrs. Joanne Firestone, Health & PE Teacher
Mr. Tim Flinchbaugh, English Teacher
Mr. John Forwood, Technology Teacher
Mrs. Lynne Workinger, Math Teacher

ADAMS/HANOVER COUNSELING SERVICES, INC.

Nicole Wike, Mental Health Counselor
843-0800, ext. 2772

Amy Gilbert, Drug and Alcohol Counselor
843-0800, ext. 2875

Eastern York High School has contracted the service of Adams/Hanover Counseling Services to provide counseling services to our students. Adams/Hanover Counseling Services strongly supports the efforts of our student assistance program by providing qualified staff to participate as members of our school-based SNAP team. Highly trained substance abuse and emotional/mental health professionals serve as consultants to our team and can provide school-based assessments, treatment services and support groups for our students. Counseling services are provided in both substance abuse and mental health issues. We have chosen to use the same agency to provide both services, realizing that many times cross-over issues are causing the problems for troubled students. The inclusion of family members is a key component in the successful treatment of students impaired by personal health problems. Problems of depression, anxiety, adjustment to parental divorce or separation, stress reactions, and personal relationships are often problems that counselors help student with. The first three sessions usually take place within the school, but can be scheduled at the Adams/Hanover Counseling center. These three sessions are provided at no cost to the student or parent. Further treatments, if agreed upon, will become the responsibility of the parent or

guardian and can be arranged with this counseling service. The SNAP team, regardless of continued service, will continue to monitor student progress.

