



Working to promote emotional well being

Information for Prospective School Counselor on Campus Program

REFERENCE: Counselor-On-Campus Program 2015 - 2016

The Almaden Valley Counseling Service, a private, nonprofit organization, consists of Marriage and Family Therapist Interns, and consulting licensed Marriage and Family Therapists. Services at the agency include short-term crisis counseling, adolescent and child therapy, family and individual adult counseling, workshops and education outreach, preventive community programs, information and referrals. Sliding-scale fees are charged for counseling services at the agency.

Administrators, teachers, parents or students can make school site referrals.

Reasons to refer:

- Family/Marital Issues/Divorce/Custody
- Parent/Child Communications
- Death/ Illness
- Somatic Symptoms/Physical/ Chronic
- Family Violence/Child Abuse
- Socially Isolated/Withdrawn/Self-esteem
- Changes in Grades/Behavior
- Stress Management
- Suicide Risk/Depression
- Discipline/Control/Defiance
- Anger Management
- School Phobia/Truancy
- Inter-personal Peer Relations
- Sexual Identity issues
- Self-mutilation
- Learning/Developmental Disability/ADD
- Eating Disorder
- Gang, Pregnancy Runaway, Legal (arrest/probation)

AVCS requires parental permission for student access to these services. Students are typically seen by the counselor for a maximum of six to eight times, although some exceptions are made. Students may confer with the counselor only one time without written permission (this policy is in place to allow crisis intervention).

Adequate support needs to be provided for the counselor in terms of providing a private, consistent room, providing assistance in generating a workable system for calling students, help in obtaining parental permission, and publicizing the availability of the counselor.

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