

STATE AGENCY CHILDREN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT

This agreement is intended to form the basis for a cooperative relationship between Spectrum Care Academy as a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility and the Hardin County Board of Education as the agency (LEA) responsible for the provision of school services.

It is the mutual goal and intention of each of the agencies names above to maintain the needs of each child or youth as our priority in fulfillment of this interagency agreement. This Agreement is to foster the provision of coordinated and high quality school and residential hospital services. It is not meant to be an impediment to either agency in meeting their respective goals, but rather to foster a collaborative approach to services on the part of both agencies.

The Spectrum Care Academy, as the Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility services provider, in order to meet the intent of this Agreement hereby agrees to:

1. Provide the LEA at least one or two days notice prior to the enrollment of a student from the facility into the on-site classroom. When this is not possible, such as in emergency cases, the school will be notified the same day that the facility is notified of the placement.
2. Notify the LEA of regularly scheduled or specially scheduled meetings for case review and other sufficient notice and opportunity for school staff participation in relation to educational issues, placement planning conferences, and aftercare planning.
3. Assure the LEA that on-going communication will be maintained between staff of Spectrum Care Academy and the LEA on a schedule that is mutually determined and based on the needs of each student.
4. Provide an appropriate level of Spectrum Care Academy staff as agreed upon between Spectrum Care Academy and the LEA at all times that the classroom is in session.
5. Inform school staff (prior to the student's return to the on-site classroom) when an incident has occurred which may affect a student's academic or behavioral performance in the on-site classroom.
6. Notify the LEA of pertinent staff development sessions scheduled for facility Spectrum Care Academy staff pertaining to services for school-aged children or youth and offer the opportunity for them to participate.
7. Inform the school staff of and ask for their input in regard to any group or individual behavior interventions or management systems and collaborate in residential implementation of similar methods utilized by the school system. Treatment teams will include a member of the educational staff when decisions affecting the student's educational program are to be made.
8. Determine a mutually agreeable method for dealing with crisis behaviors of individual students or classrooms as a whole that may occur in the classroom or school setting so that a consistent management program can be implemented.

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9. Assure that each student's health and hygiene will be maintained and notification will be made to the LEA staff of any student condition that may affect student behavior or performance.
10. Provide appropriate space for the on-site school program.
11. Provide the LEA at least two weeks notice prior to the release of a student from the facility into a public school program. When this is not possible, such as in emergency cases, the LEA will be notified the same day that the facility is notified of the release of the student.
12. Agree to a method for resolution of disputes or issues not covered by this Agreement.

The Hardin County Board of Education hereby agrees to:

1. Provide educational services for all school-aged Spectrum Care Academy residents consistent with their educational needs.
2. Notify the Spectrum Care Academy of pertinent staff development activities and offer the opportunity for attendance by facility staff.
3. Attend Spectrum Care Academy meetings relative to educational services. Provide an educational staff member to participate in treatment team meetings when decisions affecting the student's educational program are to be made.
4. Notify Spectrum Care Academy staff of school meetings scheduled relative to the design or review of educational services for individual students.
5. Collaborative with the Spectrum Care Academy staff in design, implementation and/or revision of behavioral interventions in the school setting and facilitate consistent application when such interventions are appropriate for the residential setting.
6. Determine a mutually agreeable method for dealing with any crisis behaviors of individual students or classroom as a whole that may occur in the classroom or school setting so that a consistent management program can be implemented.
7. Develop and maintain an on-going system of communication with Spectrum Care Academy staff on a schedule that is appropriate to the needs of each student.
8. Notify Spectrum Care Academy staff when an incident has occurred in the classroom that may affect student behavior after leaving the classroom setting.
9. Notify the Spectrum Care Academy staff of any health or hygienic condition that is in need of attention.

10. Provide instructional goals and objectives for the education of State Agency Children as required by the Cabinet for Human Resources (CHR) and the KECSAC MOA.
11. Provide a method for resolution of disputes or issues not covered by this agreement.
12. Provide a certified teacher(s) meeting the requirements of the Kentucky Department of Education.
13. Provide instructional materials (i.e. textbooks, workbooks, manipulates) necessary for instruction.
14. Provide testing materials needed for CATS and other achievement tests that are administered to other Hardin County students as specified in the Hardin County Board of Education Policies.

Commitment to the points in this Agreement signifies each agency's efforts toward achieving our mutual goal of collaboration for the provision of quality residential and educational services to each school-age individual for whom we share responsibility.

The Agreement shall be in effect beginning July 1, 2011 and until a mutually agreed upon revision is requested.

Gina Pawley , Program Director
Spectrum Care Academy

Date

Nannette Johnston, Superintendent
Hardin County Schools

Date