

## Contractual Services Agreement Between <u>Bluegrass Professional Counseling</u> & Marion County Board of Education

This Memorandum of Agreement (hereafter "MOA") establishes a professional relationship between the Marion County Board of Education and <u>Bluegrass Professional Counseling</u> for the 2020-2021 school year relating to professional mental health services provided by <u>Bluegrass Professional Counseling</u> as required by the Kentucky Department of Education. These services will be provided for students within the Marion County School District.

## Bluegrass Professional Counseling Agrees To:

- 1. Provide a Master's level Mental Health Professional (MHP) to meet with identified students in the school setting.
- 2. Provide a Community Support Associate (CSA) to work with each MHP as support personnel for mental health services. As needed and at the discretion of the individual counselor and the school personnel.
- 3. Require that the assigned MHP will adhere to the policies for professional staff at their assigned school and interact as a professional member of the school community.
- 4. Provide targeted mental health counseling to specified students which may include the following modalities: individual, family, group, and collateral services.
- 5. Ensure that <u>Bluegrass Professional Counseling</u> services under this agreement will be provided by a duly Licensed therapist credentialed in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- 6. Ensure professional liability insurance coverage for <u>Bluegrass Professional Counseling</u> professionals providing services under this agreement.
- 7. Ensure that all persons entering school facilities for <u>Bluegrass Professional Counseling</u> has completed the Central Registry check for Child Abuse & Neglect.
- 8. Establish and maintain a treatment record for each child receiving counseling services under this agreement in accordance with the Department of Licensure, Department of Mental Health, Medicaid, and other applicable standards.



- 9. Maintain confidentiality for persons receiving services under this agreement in accordance with applicable professional standards, laws and regulations. It is recognized that <u>Bluegrass Professional Counseling</u> and the appropriate Marion County Schools personnel shall be in communication with one another concerning treatment of students and educational needs.
- 10. Provide educational consultation services to faculty, staff, and administration.
- 11. <u>Bluegrass Professional Counseling</u> agrees to bill Medicaid and/or other private insurance for all students covered by such. The Marion County Board of Education will not be billed any amount nor be required to pay for services where Medicaid and/or private insurance does not cover a service.
- 12. <u>Bluegrass Professional Counseling</u> agrees to provide the above described services as an independent contractor. Withholding of FICA, Federal, State, and local taxes will not be the responsibility of Marion County Board of Education.
- 13. <u>Bluegrass Professional Counseling</u> shall indemnify and hold harmless the Marion County Board of Education, its employees and volunteers, against any and all claims, demands, or loss, including attorneys' fees, as a result of any injury which arises out of or is any way connected with the actions of provider or providers' agents, employees, or assigns.
- 14. <u>Bluegrass Professional Counseling</u> will serve in students the following locations;
  - a. Marion County Knight Academy
  - b. Calvary Elementary School
  - c. Lebanon Elementary School
  - d. Glasscock Elementary School
  - e. West Marion Elementary School
  - f. Marion County High School

## **Marion County Board of Education Agrees To:**

- 1. Support the acceptance of the MHP into the educational community of their assigned schools.
- 2. Provide an assigned suitable office space for the use of the MHP for the delivery of mental health counseling in order to provide confidentiality, support the educational environment, and facilitate the mental health of Marion County students.



## Bluegrass Professional Counseling



- 4. Maintain confidentiality related to the treatment services provided under this agreement in accordance with applicable professional standards and applicable laws and regulations.
- 5. Allow Bluegrass Personnel to participate in all school community activities and educational activities related to students seen by the counselor.
- 6. Place a permission to treat and release of information for mental health services in the enrollment packet for each student. Allowing counseling services during school day and communication about services with the Marion County School personnel.
- 7. Contact Heather Blanton, Clinical Director, should there be any concerns regarding services or a breach in protocol related to a student, as soon as possible to allow for the concern(s) to be addressed and rectified.

This agreement becomes effective in the later date signed below.		
Marion County Board of Education	Date	
Management Designee Bluegrass Professional Counseling	 Date	