

**Contractual Service Agreement Between
H.O.P.E (Helping Others Pursue Excellence)
and Marion County Board of Education**

This agreement is entered between the Marion County Board of Education and H.O.P.E (Helping Others Pursue Excellence) for the 2023-2024 school year relating to professional mental health services provided by H.O.P.E. These services will be provided for students within the Marion County School District in conjunction with the Family Resource and Youth Service Centers.

H.O.P.E agrees to:

1. Provide mental health counseling to specified students which may include the following modalities: Individual, family, group and collateral services.
2. Ensure that all services under this agreement will be provided by a mental health professional with a master's degree (or above) in Counseling.
3. Provide Professional liability insurance coverage for all professionals providing services under this agreement.
4. 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.
5. Maintain confidentiality for other persons receiving private insurance services under this agreement in accordance with applicable professional standards, laws, and regulations.
6. In accordance with FERPA, counselors will not share student information with any third-party without permission from MCPS and/or the student/guardian.
7. Provide educational consultation services to administration and staff.
8. H.O.P.E agrees to bill Medicaid for or private insurances for all students covered. The Marion County Board of education will not be billed for services not covered.
9. Service Provider 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.
10. The contractor 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 vendors, vendors agents, employees or assigns.
11. Provide MCPS SEL contact list of students served per building.
12. Provide and maintain up-to-date CAN and Background Checks (Identigo) of all mental health service providers who will be providing services to students of Marion County Public Schools. MCPS is not responsible for the cost of these checks.

Marion County Schools agrees to:

1. Provide suitable space for the delivery of mental health services to provide confidentiality.

2. Maintain confidentiality related to the treatment of services provided under this agreement in accordance with applicable professional standards and applicable laws and regulations.
3. Not be billed for any services covered by Medicaid, private insurance and/or private pay.
4. Provide a schedule per building of mental health service unless a crisis arises deemed necessary by administrative staff.

Superintendent

Date

Co-executive Director

Date