

**Issue Paper** 

# DATE: 4/15/24

## **AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):**

Consider/Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Kenton County School District and The Children's Home of Northern Kentucky (CHNK) to offer an Intensive OutPatient Program (IOP) at the Virtual Learning Center for KCSD students during the 2024-2025 school year.

## **APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:**

01.1 - Legal Status of the Board

## HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

This MOU outlines the terms and conditions between CHNK and the KCSD for CHNK to provide an Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) for students in 6-12 grade at the Virtual Learning Center for three hours per day, three times per week. An IOP is a structured non-residential psychological treatment program which addresses mental health and/or substance use concerns through group therapy. Research notes that IOP's generally have a success rate of 50-70%. This success rate is comparable to inpatient treatment. Offering an IOP for students and families, during the school day, will provide an option for more intensive mental health or substance abuse services and reduce the barrier of transportation issues. CHNK will provide staff to operate the IOP. In return the KCSD will provide a private space at the Virtual Learning Center and facilitate referrals to the program.

#### FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT: N/A

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Kenton County School District and The Children's Home of Northern Kentucky (CHNK) to offer an Intensive OutPatient Program (IOP) at the Virtual Learning Center for KCSD students during the 2024-2025 school year.

## **CONTACT PERSON**:

Karen Hendrix, Director of District Wide Programs

District

Superintendent

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## <u>Collaborative Services Agreement 2024-2025</u> <u>Children's Home of Northern Kentucky/CHNK Behavioral Health</u> <u>and Kenton County School District</u>

## Intensive Outpatient Programming (IOP)

This service agreement represents the intent of <u>Children's Home of Northern</u> <u>Kentucky/CHNK Behavioral Health (CHNK)</u> and <u>Kenton County School District</u> to extend its collaboration in providing Intensive Outpatient Programming (IOP). Its purpose is to establish a commitment between provider and school district to identify roles from each party for the provision of services to youth with behavioral health issues.

Children's Home of Northern Kentucky/CHNK Behavioral Health will provide comprehensive assessments, individualized treatment plans, facilitate Intensive Outpatient groups (three days per week, three hours per group), and follow up evaluations.

A variety of evidence-based and promising practice interventions will be utilized and administered. Outcomes will be measured based completion or progress on treatment goals, which may include reduction in truant behaviors, classroom disruptions, and substance use.

**Children's Home of Northern Kentucky/CHNK Behavioral Health** will provide a skilled intervention team, composed of a master's level clinician, as appropriate to the needs of the youth.

**Children's Home of Northern Kentucky/CHNK Behavioral Health**, a licensed Behavioral Health Services Organization, will be able to bill Medicaid and other insurance providers for approved services with parent/guardian consent. This will allow for services to continue at no charge to the schools.

**Kenton County School District** agrees to facilitate referrals that include insurance information and assist with the collection of data to measure behavioral referrals, and attendance and tardiness as requested. Also agrees to coordinate the use of a confidential space.

**Kenton County School District** agrees that if the average daily attendance to any group in the intensive outpatient services program falls below 5 during any given calendar month, that CHNK has the right to terminate that group effective within 30 days of providing Kenton County School District notice of the average.



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Either party can cancel or make a written request to amend the agreement with a 30 days' notice. The signatures below confirm the partnership in the provision of Outpatient Services as outlined above.

SignatureDateKenton County School District Representative

Signature Date Children's Home of Northern Kentucky/ CHNK Behavioral Health,

It is the policy of Children's Home of Northern Kentucky/CHNK Behavioral Health to provide a treatment environment free from discrimination, whether that discrimination is based on race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, political affiliation, marital status, perceived or actual sexual orientation, gender expression and gender identity, or other non-merit factor.