



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT LIAISON



The Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools (FCSS) created the Behavioral Health Support Liaison (BHSL) position to help fill the communication gap that often exists between the schools and medical providers when youth are referred and/or placed on a 5150 hold. This gap was identified in the early years of the Fresno County Suicide Prevention Collaborative when the Schools Work Group and Medical Work Group came together. There was mutual agreement that often youth are placed on a hold, or return from being placed on a hold, without the school being adequately prepared to ensure the appropriate resources and supports are in place when a student returns to campus. The BHSL’s role is to facilitate communication between the medical system, the family/youth and the school, along with linking the youth and family to needed resources.

DISCHARGE PLANNING

The BHSL receives referral from medical facility at time of discharge and coordinates mental health follow-up and recommended supports upon return to school.

LINKAGE TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The BHSL links the youth to their current provider following a crisis – or – connects them to a mental health provider if they do not already have one.

SCHOOL RE-ENTRY AND SAFETY PLANNING

The BHSL communicates with the School Crisis Liaison (see attached list) to facilitate a re-entry meeting and developing a wellness/safety plan for the youth. The BHSL can assist with developing a safety plan if the school team needs this support.

REFERRAL	REFERRAL CONTENT (EXODUS)	BHSL FOLLOW-UP
<p>Upon discharge, caregiver/youth are offered to sign a Release of Information (ROI) to refer to the FCSS BHSL</p> <p>If caregiver/youth agree, ROI is completed and emailed or faxed to BHSL secure email/fax</p> <p>Referral is made at time of discharge from Exodus to either caregiver’s care or when transferred to an inpatient facility</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release of Information • Client Aftercare Plan • Discharge Summary and Notes 	<p>Identify School/District</p> <p>Identify School Crisis Liaison & make contact</p> <p>Determine if youth is currently receiving mental health (MH) treatment</p> <p>If youth has a MH treatment provider, contact them to provide update</p> <p>If no MH provider, assist family with referral to a school or non-school based provider, based on family’s preference</p> <p>Facilitate re-entry and safety planning with youth’s school team</p>

*Follow-up takes place until youth is connected to mental health provider.