



Welcome to October!

District Counselor Newsletter | Oct. 3, 2022

Hard to believe we're entering the second month of the school year already! Thanks for your engagement and contributions at our district counselor meeting last Thursday (9/29). Much of what you'll see below are references and resources from that meeting that you'll be able to have at your fingertips.

ALL Counselors

★ Presentation from All-Counselor meeting on Sept. 29

Here's the [link to the presentation slides](#) from our meeting last Thursday.

★ Comprehensive School Counseling Program (CSCP)

As presented by Kayley and Gretchen at our meeting...

- Please make a copy of the ASCA [School Counseling Program Assessment](#) for reference.
- By Thursday, October 13th, please complete the Program Assessment and then [enter your results here](#). – Thank you!

★ Home Hospital

Thank you to Robin Arnold and Linda York for their presentation about Home Hospital.

- Here is a [link to the fillable form](#) for your reference.

★ Outside Agency Counseling Sessions at School

Occasionally requests are made for counselors/therapists from outside agencies to meet with students at school during the school day. These arrangements can be permitted *if* the following considerations are in place in advance:

1. Meeting with the student outside the school day would be prohibitive for the parent or guardian due to work schedules, transportation barriers, etc. (i.e. equitable access)
2. A confidential meeting space is available, and the school principal gives approval
3. Prior to outside counseling sessions with students at school, in person, or on zoom, an MOU is signed between the agency/counselor and the district
 - a. The agency or school counselor may contact Dave Peters to start this process
 - b. The MOU templates for 2022-23 are ready and available

☆ CPS Reporting & Student Interviews | Resources

- [3421P](#) | Child Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation
- [4411P](#) | Working Relationships with Law Enforcement, DCYF, and local Health Dept.
- [Flowchart – Interview of Student Witness or Victim \(4411P\)](#)

FAQ's

Q: Have the updated procedures been approved through the legal department?

A: Yes, the conversation started there to help clarify EPS procedure with updates in State law. All EPS policy & procedure passes through our legal filters before being implemented.

Q: Is 3421P saying that staff members must go through administration first to investigate cases of abuse before fulfilling their obligation as mandatory reporters?

A: No. Neither 3421P or State law requires administrative approval to report suspected child abuse, neglect, or exploitation. That said, this procedure has historically indicated that a discussion/notification with an administrator should take place. Nothing in 3421P suggests that an administrator should be conducting an investigation – that is the role of CPS.

Q: Both 3421P and the Child Abuse Report form indicate that the written report will be submitted promptly to the parties listed on the form—DCYF, Special Services, and the principal. But do we only send a copy to Special Services if the student has an IEP?

A: You need to send a copy to all three parties - DCYF, Special Services, and the principal for ALL students – even if they don't have an IEP. Years ago, the Special Services department was designated as the central place in the district for these records to be stored.

☆ Basic Student Needs Grants

The Everett Public Schools Foundation is proud to announce the replenishment of the [Basic Student Needs Grants](#) for the 2022-23 school year. These grants allow Principals the discretion as to how funds can be used to support basic student needs. All students can be included whether in the KIT program or not. This may include food, clothing, transportation, emergency housing (after Kids in Transition and other resources have been exhausted), personal hygiene etc.

I would encourage you to have a conversation with your principal if you have ideas for using these funds to support students.

☆ [care/solace](#) - The team at Care Solace doesn't provide therapy directly, but through "warm handoffs" they do the legwork to get students connected to supports. You can [register here](#) for a staff account. Once you're logged in, you will have access to these additional resources:

- [Introduction to Care Solace](#)
- [Care Solace Tutorials](#)
- [Care Solace FAQ's](#)
- [EPS Care Solace web access](#)

★ UPDATE on the upcoming virtual conference...

I received word today that **Dr. Bruce Perry's keynote will not be recorded** – all other presentations will be recorded and available for one week. If you have the chance, I would encourage you to watch his presentation from 9:00-12:00 on October 12th. All EPS attendees have already been paid for. If you receive an invitation from Zoom Events, please take a couple minutes to complete the registration.



Featured Speakers



Bruce D. Perry, M.D., Ph.D

High School Counselors

★ HSBP Lesson Links

From Sarah Pewitt...

It was so great to see everyone in one spot this morning (9/29)! Here is a link to the [HSBP 9th-11th Scope and Sequence](#)

★ Financial Aid Applications are Open as of Oct. 1st

Please share these resources anyway you can with your students and families!

Financial Aid Videos, Resources, & More	https://www.everettsd.org/Page/10314
Financial Aid Myths and Facts	Spanish , English , Russian , Somali , Vietnamese
FAFSA/WASFA directions	FAFSA-WASFA App directions.pdf (everett.k12.wa.us)

Middle School Counselors

★ Second Step Video Resource

From Stefani Koetje...

Here is the link for the video for Middle School Second Step - <https://learn.secondstep.org/product/middle-school/principal-toolkit/implement-schoolwide/support-schoolwide>



☆ HSBP Lesson Links

From Sarah Pewitt...

It was so great to see everyone in one spot this morning (9/29)! Here is a link to the [HSBP 6th-8th Scope and Sequence](#)

Elementary School Counselors

☆ Second Step PowerPoint Resource

From Stefani Koetje...

Here is a link to the [Elementary Counselor Curriculum PowerPoint](#) presentation for the **bullying prevention & child protection** units from Thursday's meeting for your reference.

