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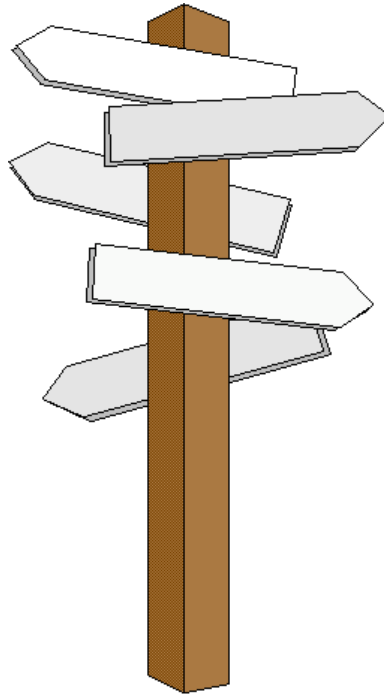
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**DON'T KNOW WHERE**



**TO TURN? NEED HELP?**

**STUDENT  
ASSISTANCE  
TEAM**

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## **ABRHS STUDENT ASSISTANCE TEAM**

### **WHAT IS THE STUDENT ASSISTANCE TEAM?**

The Student Assistance Team is a multidisciplinary group of professionals that include a school nurse, school psychologist, classroom teachers, and special educator.

It is our belief that students are unable to realize their learning potential when significant issues are interfering with their lives. We also believe that with appropriate Identification of these learning, emotional, or health issues, along with support from resources, these students can be assisted in reaching their potential.

It is the shared responsibility of all members of the community to provide opportunities for these students, their families and other involved persons to get immediate help and continued support.

### **WHO CAN REFER?**

- Student/ friend
- Faculty / Administrator
- Coach/ Advisor
- Parent/ Guardian
- Physician/ Health Professional
- Police/ Court
- Neighbor
- Clergy

### **ALL REFERRALS ARE TREATED CONFIDENTIALLY**

### **WHO SHOULD GET REFERRED?**

Students who ....

- have grades that have significantly declined
- have violated the Chemical Health Policy
- have been arrested or disciplined for substance abuse violations or criminal activity
- have chronic referrals to the office for disciplinary action
- appear depressed or withdrawn, have made suicidal gestures or have talked about suicide
- drink to the point of passing out
- have been hospitalized for alcohol poisoning
- get "high" frequently
- have significant changes in eating patterns or significant weight loss
- appear isolated or withdrawn from his/her peers
- have high absentee rate
- have unexplained injuries
- have exhibited aggressive behavior or have made threats to others
- have experienced academic failure despite good effort

### **NO INFORMATION IS SHARED OUTSIDE THE TEAM**

#### **WHAT CAN HAPPEN?**

Following an initial screening, information is gathered from all appropriate personnel. For each student an appropriate plan is developed which might include school services:

- group counseling

- peer support
  - attendance monitoring
  - referral for special education evaluation
  - academic support
  - classroom modifications
  - psychological screening
  - learning disabilities screening
  - referral for 504 meeting
  - referral to alternative program
- or community services:
- counseling services
  - medical evaluation
  - psychological evaluation
  - chemical health evaluation
  - family intervention
  - coordination with other agencies

### **NO DISCIPLINARY ACTION AS A RESULT OF A REFERRAL**

#### **HOW CAN I MAKE CONTACT?**

If you are concerned about a student at ABRHS or want to self- refer, contact:

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| • school nurse        | • school counselor |
| • school psychologist | • teacher          |
| • coach               | • advisor          |
| • special educator    | • administrator    |
| • health coordinator  |                    |