



ALLIANCE MARGARET M. BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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HOW TO ACCESS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AT ALLIANCE MARGARET M. BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Alliance Margaret M. Bloomfield High School offers a range of tiered services to scholars and families to support the promotion of mental health. Services are rendered at schools through school-based providers such as **School Counselors, School Psychologist, and Mental Health Agency Partners**. Services and supports rendered at the school site are free of charge and are provided to scholars based on need and availability, regardless of immigration or insurance status.

Who can receive school-based mental health services?

School-based mental health services are reserved for scholars whose social and emotional needs are impairing their academic abilities. For scholars who are experiencing challenges outside of school, referrals to local mental health agencies will be provided. Reasons for a referral may include but are not limited to:

- A scholar has experienced a loss of a family member or loved one (e.g. death, incarceration, or deportation)
- A scholar has stressors at home that are affecting school performance or self-esteem (e.g. divorce, financial stress)
- A scholar appears more sad, angry, or worried, etc. when compared to peers
- A scholar is experiencing difficulty making and maintaining appropriate friendships with peers
- A scholar lacks school motivation to participate or attend school or is extremely distracted
- A scholar exhibits a significant change in behavior
- A scholar has experienced a traumatic event that is impacting school performance (e.g. abuse, car accident, bullying, etc.)

What do school-based mental health services look like at Alliance Margaret M. Bloomfield High School?

Scholars may receive support in the following ways based on what is most appropriate:

- *Classroom Support & Teacher Consultation*
 - Provider consults with the teacher about appropriate interventions and supports that may help the scholar be more successful in their classroom.
 - Provider may come into the classroom to present on a particular topic (e.g. bullying prevention, appropriate friendships, or suicide awareness for middle school scholars).
- *Referral to a Community Mental Health Agency*
 - Sometimes a referral will be initiated in partnership with the parent/family for outside counseling services or services provided by a contracted therapist.
 - This would occur in instances where the school-based mental health services have reached maximum capacity or the scholar's needs exceed what a school-based mental health service provider is able to provide.



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- **Group Counseling**
 - Provider will meet with a group of no more than 10 scholars to work on increasing skills in a certain area (e.g. coping with strong emotions, processing grief or social skills).
- **Individual Counseling**
 - Scholar meets with the provider one-on-one to address a particular concern or behavior.

How can scholars receive school-based mental health services?

- In order to benefit from these services, scholars must be referred (by staff, parent, or self-referral).
- In the state of California, “existing law authorizes a minor who is 12 years of age or older to consent to mental health treatment or counseling, except as specified, on an outpatient basis, or to residential shelter services, if specified conditions are met. This bill would, notwithstanding any provision of law, instead, provide that a minor who is 12 years of age or older may consent to outpatient mental health services, if, in the opinion of the professional person, as defined, the minor is mature enough to participate intelligently in the mental health treatment or counseling services” (for full law see [SB 543](#)¹).

Confidentiality & Privacy

A mental health service provider-scholar relationship must be built on trust and confidentiality. This means that mental health providers are bound by ethical codes to keep conversations between providers and scholars private. Providers maintain the confidentiality of their scholars and their families at all times and will only break confidentiality in the following instances:

- If given specific permission by the scholar;
- Or when scholar may be susceptible to or there is suspicion of:
 - Harming themselves
 - Harm to others
 - Abuse and/or Neglect

Mental health services providers, like all **Bloomfield High School** employees, are mandated reporters.

Who provides Mental Health services at our school?

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¹ http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=200920100SB543



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Mental Health Agency Partnerships

The agencies listed below offer mental health services to MediCal eligible scholars. Some also offer services to scholars who are uninsured or undocumented. If you would like to learn more about obtaining mental health services through one of the mental health agencies listed below, or other above-mentioned options, please reach out to **Hannah Loeb** (hloeb@laalliance.org)

Hathaway-Sycamore Child and Family Services

5100 S Eastern Ave. Suite 110
Commerce CA 90040
(323) 837-0838 (Office)
(323) 578-4367 (Crisis Line)

Tessie Cleveland Community Services

8019 Compton Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90001
(323) 586-7333

Enki Youth & Family Services - Bell Gardens

6635 Florence Ave. Suite 101
Bell Garden, CA 90201
(323) 647-6740

San Antonio Mental Health

2629 Clarendon Ave
Huntington Park, CA 90255
(323) 584-3700

Shields for Families

Admin Office: 11601 S. Western
Los Angeles, CA 90047
(323) 242-5000

Penny Lane

5628 Slauson Ave
Commerce, CA 90040
(323) 318-9960