

## Clark Community Mental Health Center and Monett School District

*Collaborating with Mental Health for support*

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## Session description

*This session will provide a closer look at what happens when a local mental health agency partners with a school district.*

*Participants will learn what brought about this partnership and the systems that were put in place. You will hear how PBIS has become a part of this successful student intervention.*

*A question and answer discussion will be allowed.*

## Monett Elementary

We are a preschool through second grade campus with approximately 650 students.

We have 3 half-day Title 1 preschool classes, 1 ECSE class, 9 kindergarten classes, 9 first grade classes and 8 2nd grade classes.

38% Hispanic students  
74% Free and Reduced students  
22% IEP students

## Our PBS Journey

We became a Tier 1 PBIS in 2010. We added Tier 2 in 2012.

We utilize Check in-Check out for behavior and for attendance.

This past school year we serviced 13 students for behavior and 31 students in an attendance CICO.

We had 13 students graduate this school year.

## Matt's Role in PBS

He has:

been a check in / check out person

*He has worked with students on behavior as well as attendance.*

been a positive male role model for our students  
been a familiar face when he has to visit homes  
been a constant:

*kids see him everyday and may not see their case-worker but every 2-3 weeks depending on case-load*

led small group instruction.

## Our Partnership

**Problem:** Children living in homes with high stress such as mental illness, job insecurity, food insecurity, and conflict resulting in students with behavior problems, low academic skills, and self-esteem issues.

**Solution:** Meet the most basic needs of the family first, then form a partnership with the family to support the personal, social, and academic needs of the child at school and home.

## Our Partnership

**Action:** In the fall of 2012 the Monett R-1 district entered into a partnership with the Clark Community Mental Health Center for the purpose of targeting families in distress and linking those families to services with the long term goal being to positively affect students and enable them to find success in the school world.

## Our Partnership

### **Works as a liaison with:**

Police  
OACAC  
Juvenile Office  
Other School Districts  
Therapists  
Parents/Guardians  
Community Supports

Lafayette House  
Psychiatric Hospitals  
Children's Division  
Child Advocacy Center  
Doctors (all)  
Joplin Regional Office  
Faith Based Organizations

## Our Partnership

### **How the school benefits:**

Quicker route to services  
Improved Attendance  
Consistent monitoring of family progress  
Daily needs addressed

### **How Clark Center benefits:**

Clients

## Background

### **Some of the care coordinator's background includes:**

\*Police Criminal Investigations  
\*Social Work  
\*Coach  
\*Homebound Teacher  
\*Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice

## Role and Duties:

### **Describe Role/Job Duties:**

Minimal caseload but coordinate with Care Coordinators  
Car line duty                      Check and Connect  
Attendance Check                Liaison  
Crisis situations                  Home visits  
Wellness Committee              Backpacks  
Christmas gifts

## Challenges:

### **Differences:**

Two different worlds

### **Similarities:**

Both want kids to be happy and successful.  
Parents or Guardians (Buy In)  
Teachers need changes quickly, not three weeks.  
Earlier detection and intervention.

## Increase in numbers:

### **Case Management:**

Started with 8 in case management in August of 2012.  
In May of 2014 over 30 in case management.

### **Referrals:**

56 referrals to mental health or medical service  
in the 2012 - 2013 school year.  
73 referrals 2013 - 2014  
Over 140 home visits in 2013 - 2014

## Successes:

Student led "behavior gang"

*2<sup>nd</sup> grade students read to Kindergarten students*

Improved Attendance

Fixed Bad teeth

Help families take care of head lice

Football

Break time for students

Help depressed parents get help

Parenting classes

## Home Visits

Care Coordinator has made over 140 home visits for the  
school year for a variety of reasons.

Home visits are made from Principal approval, unless  
child is already receiving mental health services.

## Questions?

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