

Child Mental Health and Social and Emotional Well-Being

Procedure:

- The program will follow a process to facilitate referrals to multiple community licensed Mental Health Facilities.
- Referrals for services will include Children Therapeutic Services (CTSS) along with a Diagnostic Assessment (DA). Additional services needed for the child will be upon the recommendation of the licensed Mental Health Facility. The program will support the family, as needed, to obtain and receive any recommended services, and will obtain parental consent for any mental health services that the child will be referred for.
- Children scoring in the refer area of the required social emotional screening (ASQ-SE assessment) will receive additional screening. The Social Emotional Assessment Measure (SEAM) Family Profile will be conducted and used to assist in identifying possible social emotional needs or supports.
- The Disability and Mental Health Manager, along with the child's education team and other identified management members will review all social emotional assessments to determine, recommend, and facilitate appropriate child or family referrals or services that may benefit both the child and the family.
- Staff will make a referral to the Disability and Mental Health Managers to observe identified children either in the classroom or in the child's home to conduct a social emotional observation (SEO). The Disability and Mental Health Manager will use the Social Emotional Assessment Measure with Ages questionnaire (SEAM with Ages) tool as a part of the observation process.
- The Disability and Mental Health Manager will work with the classroom staff or parents (if in the home) to help create a plan of strategies and interventions to address any concerns identified from the assessment.
- The program will work with Mental Health service providers in support of children and families to promote and facilitate positive mental health environments in the classroom and home. The program will work to build community partnerships to facilitate access to additional mental health resources and services for children and families.
- The Disability and Mental Health Managers will support both parents and staff to understand mental health and access mental health interventions.