

School / Community Outreach Program Exchange (SCOPE)

“A Community Working Together”

Madison Public Schools • Madison Youth Services • Family Counseling of Madison

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GOAL

To establish a proactive prevention/intervention program at the elementary grade levels which will enable students to learn problem solving strategies in order for them to make appropriate choices as they grow older to avoid harmful risk-taking behaviors.

OBJECTIVES

1. To identify at-risk students Pre-K through Grade 5
2. To provide case assessments
3. To provide in-school counseling for students (individual/group)
4. To provide in-school tutoring for students with academic needs
5. To provide counseling and support services for parents
6. To provide education and support groups for parents/guardians
7. To provide clinical assessments for students in need

SCOPE SERVICES

I. In-School Support Services

Counseling (Individual/Group) dealing with:

- School adjustment
- Chronic illness
- Peer conflict
- Coping skills
- Social skills
- Peer relationships
- Academic

The school social worker also provides:

- Referral to outside/counseling resources
- Crisis intervention services as needed

II. In School Academic Tutoring

III. Clinical Assessments

A five-session assessment may be provided by Family Counseling of Madison for children identified as having emotional issues warranting a clinical level of intervention.

IV. Parent Support Counseling

Madison Youth Services offers parent services through a Parent Support Counselor (PSC). The PSC will work with parents / guardians of the identified child to assess needs, advocate for the child/family, and to facilitate a positive connection between the parents and the schools.

Services will include:

- Referral and advocacy for appropriate services (i.e. Food Stamps, child support, health services, etc.)
- Education and support groups for parents
- Consultation on child development and positive discipline
- Crisis intervention, referrals for domestic violence, substance abuse, family therapy and other appropriate services.

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