

Step 5 Mental Health Treatment Support 2021-22 TA Form H

If your child is in a state a psychological distress, he or she needs to be assessed by a mental health professional. There are several options for seeking care:

1. Contact the Georgia Crisis and Access Line. This service is a 24 hour/ 7 days a week hotline to assess and connect individuals with appropriate services to address mental health needs as well as drugs and alcohol use. If it is necessary, a licensed mental health professional will meet you at your home or an appropriate public location to assess your child's mental health state and make recommendations for follow up care.
2. If your child is actively suicidal, take your child to one of the local hospitals for an assessment. Peachford, Ridgeview, and Laurelwood may provide a free assessment for those students who qualify for that service. The emergency room at Northside Forsyth is an option for those who are unable to travel to the other hospitals, although families should expect to be charged for use of emergency room unit services.
3. Contact your child's therapist. If your student regularly sees a mental health and needs to be assessed, please contact your current provider and ask for an emergency appointment.
4. Contact your child's primary care provider and/or insurance provider. Your family doctor or pediatrician may be able to make a recommendation and/or referral for mental health services.

Forsyth County Schools does not endorse or recommend any particular mental health agency or provider. If you are unable to access services or have any questions, please contact a student support services staff member at your child's school. Please return the Conference Notification form to a student support services staff member by the return date listed on the form. We are here to support your child's mental health as well as academic needs. Please let us know how we may be able to support your child's return to school and future school success.

Mental Health Hospitals & Resources			
Avita* – Behavioral Health Services	Cumming, GA	678-341-3840	www.avitapartners.org
Georgia Crisis and Access Line	GA Statewide	800-715-4225	www.mygcal.com
Laurelwood Hospital	Gainesville, GA	770-219-3800	www.nghs.com
Northside Hospital - Forsyth	Cumming, GA	770-844-3200	www.northside.com/forsyth
Peachford Hospital	Atlanta, GA	770-454-2302	www.peachford.com
Ridgeview Institute (Hospital)	Smyrna, GA	770-434-4568	www.ridgeviewinstitute.com

Local Health Agencies who will see your child within 48 hours for free assessment			
Beyond Today Counseling	Cumming, GA	678-371-7357	beyondtodaycounseling.com
Live Life Counseling	Cumming, GA	770-940-9679	livelife-counseling.com
Oasis Counseling*	In Home	678-630-7564	Oasis Counseling
Ray of Hope Counseling	Cumming, GA	678-213-2194	Rhcounselingservices.com

*Spanish or bi-lingual therapists

Forsyth County Schools does not endorse or recommend any of the above agencies as this list is for informational use only. Any fees incurred are the responsibility of the parent and/or student. Please check with your insurance provider for a complete and up to date list of local practitioners.