GATEWAY TO SUCCESS

The mission of the GATEWAY TO SUCCESS Program is to help students reach their educational potential

MEETING THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

At one time or another, every student will face a personal challenge that will make it difficult for him or her to progress academically or socially within the school environment. Family issues such as divorce or death; not knowing how to make or keep friends; difficulties with anger control; drug or alcohol involvement; homelessness; difficulties understanding school work; or even stresses of moving to a new school are just a few of the hurdles that can interfere with a student’s overall achievement, happiness and adjustment. Some students are able to maneuver around these hurdles on their own. Others may benefit from the help of a trained counselor to develop the skills necessary to overcome the challenges they are facing.

THE GATEWAY TO SUCCESS PROGRAM

The GATEWAY TO SUCCESS PROGRAM links students with counselors or other health and wellness resources that will help them work through the challenges that are interfering with their academic, personal, or social adjustment. In addition, it provides parents an opportunity to receive ongoing support and education via our Parent University, Parenting Classes, and various workshops and presentations throughout the school year. GATEWAY TO SUCCESS seeks to overcome many of the obstacles often faced by families who wish to access counseling support by bringing such programs to the school sites. Services are available to students with Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, private insurance, or no insurance. In addition to this, Child Welfare and Attendance (CWA) is a specialized student support service that combines counseling, education, and the law; and is also incorporated into the Gateway To Success Program.
WHAT ARE SOME REASONS/BEHAVIORS/OBSERVATIONS, FOR WHICH A STUDENT WOULD BE REFERRED TO THE GATEWAY TO SUCCESS PROGRAM?

Below are just a few reasons:

- Difficulties with peers
- Medical/Somatic Complaints
- Alcohol/Tobacco/Other Drugs
- Absenteeism
- Student exposed to trauma
- At-risk for experiencing Justice involvement
- Academic difficulties
- Family-related difficulties

HOW TO REQUEST COUNSELING SERVICES FOR A STUDENT?

A Guidance counselor, School Psychologist, School Nurse, Home School Coordinator, Probation Officer, or Principal/Assistant Principal, may obtain a Gateway To Success Counseling referral form from the Gateway designee at the student’s school, or may request one by calling the Gateway To Success office. Parents and teachers should connect with Guidance Counselor/Gateway Counselor for assistance in making a referral.

To expedite processing of the referral, the referral must be filled out completely.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR A STUDENT TO SEE A COUNSELOR AFTER A REFERRAL HAS BEEN SUBMITTED?

It can take 2-4 weeks to process a referral. The more information provided in the referral, the faster it will be processed. It is important to include medical coverage information (Medi-Cal number, etc.), and as much information as possible relevant to student needs, in order to link the student to the most appropriate services.

HOW WILL PARENT/GUARDIANS KNOW WHEN THEIR STUDENT WILL BE RECEIVING SERVICES?

Parent/guardians are notified of the status of the referral submitted by the Gateway Counselor at their child’s school site, or by the assigned therapist/agency. Should parents/guardians have any questions on the status, they may contact the Gateway designee directly at their child’s school.