



## Tri-County Behavioral Care

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### SCHOOL CLEARANCE & SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROTOCOL:

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT:

1. District determines student appropriateness for referral to TCBC based on incident.
2. District obtains written consent from Parent/Student for District to contact TCBC.
3. District contacts TCBC with information regarding the referral (see attached referral form)
4. Referral and Consent Forms can be faxed to: 973-726-4545 or E-mail: at [intake@tcbllc.org](mailto:intake@tcbllc.org)
5. District provides TCBC information to the parent/guardian for them to call TCBC directly to schedule an appointment for an assessment. We cannot accept walk-ins due to scheduling needs.
6. Upon intake, TCBC will obtain necessary consent to release the completed SCA and/or Substance Abuse Evaluation to the District.

#### PARENT/GUARDIAN

1. Contacts TCBC to schedule an appointment for Student. **CALL: 973-691-3030 xt. 1**
2. The TCBC Intake Coordinator will provide a phone screening and clinical intake to ensure the student is placed with the appropriate therapist for the assessment.
3. Every effort will be made by TCBC Intake Coordinator to accommodate the parent's schedule to make an appointment at either one of our locations within 24 hours of the initial call.

#### EVALUATION FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE :

1. 10 panel urine drug screen (immediate positive or negative results)
2. Brief psychological inventory to assess for substance misuse through subtle and direct questions.
3. Comprehensive professional assessment and return to school evaluation

#### AFTER EVALUATION:

1. A copy of the evaluation, including UDS results as needed, will be provided to the Parent/Guardian and the District immediately following the completion of the evaluation.
2. The evaluation will include referral and treatment recommendations and a certification of clearance or non-clearance to return to school.
3. It is the belief of TCBC that a client should leave with a clear understanding of their next step of care. We will assist by scheduling an appointment for outpatient therapy at TCBC or assist if a higher level of care is recommended. A list of referral sources with phone numbers will also be provided.
4. TCBC Finance Coordinator will invoice the appropriate party. Any further treatment agreed upon by the family and TCBC will be upon their discretion.

#### TRI-COUNTY BEHAVIORAL CARE'S GOAL:

To provide a caring and empathetic experience for all parties involved so the student may return to school and receive the appropriate treatment in a timely manner while effectively communicating the evaluation with the referring school district and parties involved.