

Supporting Mental Health in DuPage County Schools

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Mission

The mission of the DuPage Regional Office of Education is to collaboratively build and sustain a high quality County educational community for all youth.



Supporting Excellence in Education

Low Income and Medicaid

• Identification in DuPage County Schools

- Medicaid
- Free and Reduced Lunch
- Homeless

• Changing Demographics in DuPage County Schools

- ELL, Bilingual
- Increased populations Hispanic, African American



Treatment Services Vs. Stigma & Prevention



Treatment Services

Plus

•School Screening

- Individualized Education Plan - IEP
- 504 – Physical or Mental Impairment
 - Limits one or more major life activities*

•Process

- Referral
- Evaluation

Treatment Services

Plus

• Placement or Services

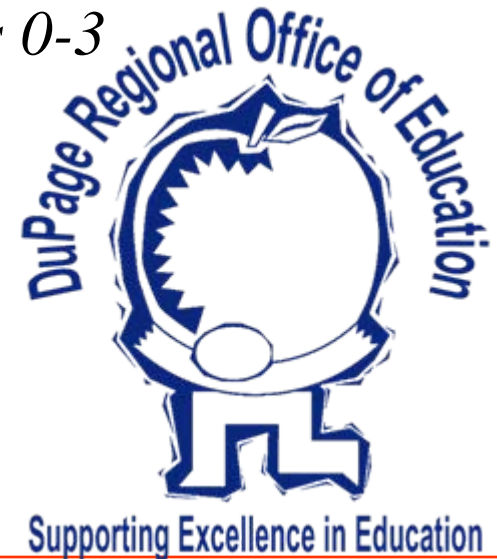
- Regular Ed classroom with modification (504 or IEP)
 - *ADHD, Allergies, Temporary/permanent disabilities*
- Individualized Educational Plan (IEP)
 - *Speech, language, curricular tutoring, OT/PT*
 - *Social worker*
 - *Self contained classroom, one on one aide*
 - *Outplacement, residential placement etc.*

Treatment Services

Plus

•Regional Office of Education Role

- Truancy – Project VISA (Value in School Attendance)
 - School refusal*
- Early Childhood Screening
 - Parents as Teachers – Ages 0-3*
- Homeless educational liaison
 - Community Partners*
- Regional Safe Schools Program
 - Partners for Success*



Treatment Services

Plus

• Social Emotional Learning Standards

- Addresses the social and emotional variables that place youth at risk for school failure
- Research Studies
 - 2005 Youth Risk Behavior Survey*
 - Illinois Children's Mental Health Task Force Report*
- School Requirements
 - Policy for incorporating social & emotional skills*
 - Teach & assess standards*
 - Protocols for children with mental health problems*
- Student Proficiencies by HS Graduation

Stigma & Prevention

•Education

- Administration*
- Teachers*
- Support Staff*
- Students*

•Early Identification

•Early Interventions



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The County's Voice on Mental Illness

