

## When should a child be referred?

Children who display significant behaviors which considerably disrupt relationships with other people, affect their school performance, or cause the child personal distress may benefit from mental health counseling.

These difficulties may include:

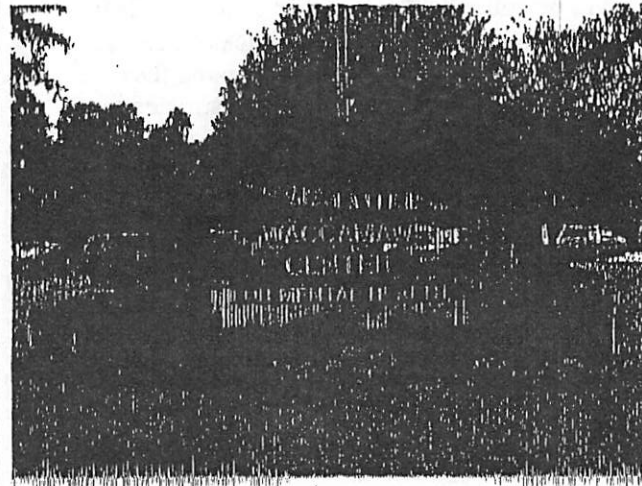
- Anxiousness
- Expressing feelings
- Depression
- Changes in moods or moodiness
- Withdrawal
- Threats of harm to self or others
- Appearing confused
- Eating disorders
- Verbal or physical aggression
- Poor relationships with others
- Sudden changes in behavior or grades
- Difficulty obeying authority figures
- Difficulty obeying school rules
- Grief

## Who can refer a child for services?

A child may be referred for services by their guardian, the school in which they are enrolled, the Department of Social Services, the Department of Juvenile Justice, hospitals, doctors and any other agency or professional who works with the child.



To schedule an appointment for a mental health screening or for more information, please contact our  
**Admissions Coordinator**  
at 347-4888 ext. 135



## Child, Adolescent, and Family Services



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Like adults, children and adolescents can have mental health disorders that interfere with the way they think, feel and act. Mental health influences the way individuals look at themselves, their lives and others in their lives. Like physical health, mental health is important in every stage of life.

Waccamaw Center for Mental Health Child and Adolescent Programs provide an array of counseling services to children and families in Horry County. We are committed to decreasing stigma by placing an emphasis on supporting and treating children in their own communities, close to their families, friends and familiar surroundings.

Services that are available to children and families include:

- Individual Counseling
- Family Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Crisis Intervention
- Psychiatric Consultation

### What happens after a child is referred?

All families referred will need to contact our office in Conway to set up an appointment for a mental health screening with our Admissions Coordinator. Our contact information is listed on the back of this brochure.



### What is the cost of services?

Payment is expected for services rendered and will be collected through our office. WCMH will bill your insurance or Medicaid; however, you are responsible for any associated fees (i.e. co pays/deductibles). If your insurance or Medicaid lapses, you will be responsible for all fees during that time.

If you don't have insurance or Medicaid, and you provide proof of income, you may qualify for a sliding fee scale.

If you need assistance in determining eligibility for Medicaid, a representative is available in our office to assist you.

No one will be denied services due to an inability to pay.

### Outpatient Services

The Child and Adolescent Outpatient provides traditional counseling services in a clinic setting. Many of the children that receive services in this program attend private schools, are home-schooled, or attend a school where there is not a counselor on-site.

### School-Based Services

The School-Based Services Program is our largest Child and Adolescent Program. We currently have school-based counselors providing services in public schools across Horry County.

In addition to counseling services, school-based counselors provide support to school staff by providing consultation.

### Family Preservation

The Family Preservation Program provides intensive in-home counseling services to families whose children are at risk of out-of-home placement. The program provides the services needed to enable the family to remain together in a stable and safe environment or to reunite the family after a child has been removed from the home. Referrals for this program typically come from the Department of Social Services, School-Based Counselors, or Outpatient Services Counselors.