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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Child Focus is the school-based mental health partner for Western Brown Local Schools serving kindergarten through 8th grade. In the event your student needs mental health support, school staff can submit a referral for the Child Focus services included below.

Prevention and **Therapy**

All levels of service involve working with students during the school day at a time agreed upon by the student, mental health provider, and school staff.

Prevention services are short-term interventions that support at-risk students and are limited to 3 sessions. These services are designed to reduce the risk of social or emotional issues, promote positive mental health, and improve success in school. Prevention services do not require registration or an intake appointment. Prevention services are provided to you free of charge through the Brown County Mental Health and Recovery Board's mental health levy funds.

Therapy is an ongoing, individualized service that requires participation from the family. If you are interested in participating in your student participating in therapy services, please contact the mental health provider assigned to your child's school. Therapy requires registration paperwork and an intake appointment to be completed prior to the start of services. Students must meet diagnostic criteria to receive therapy services. Therapy is billed through Medicaid or your own insurance.

Your child's protected health information is confidential. If your child is referred to a school-based mental health service, a release of information for Western Brown Local Schools will be shared with you to sign. We will share only the minimum necessary information needed to help your child succeed in school. Several school staff members may be aware that a Child Focus provider is working with your child (such as his/her teacher, school secretary, principal, etc.) due to the need to track students' whereabouts throughout the day.

If you have further questions or concerns regarding Child Focus School-based Services please feel free to contact Krissie Myers, Director of School-based Services, by phone at 513-752-1555 or Susan Shafer, Brown County Coordinator by phone at 937-444-1613.