

# Upper Dauphin Elementary Student Assistance Program

Upper Dauphin Area Elementary School

## **What is ESAP?**

A Student Assistance Team (SAP) made up of school and agency staff is available to help you access school and community services for your child.

In Pennsylvania, every school district is required to have a plan for identifying and assisting students who experience barriers to learning.

The Elementary SAP team will help you find services and assistance within the school, and if needed, in the community. We do not diagnose, treat, or refer your child for treatment. We will provide you with information and you make the choice(s) that best fit your needs and wishes. As the parent/guardian, you are an important part of the team.

## **Contact Us**

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## **ESAP Team Members**

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### **How Does My Child Become Involved in the SAP Program?**

Anyone can refer a child to the Elementary SAP team. Some students are referred by teachers or other school personnel. A friend or family member can also let the team know that they are concerned about someone. The child can even go directly to the Elementary SAP team to ask for help.

Schools will gather information to determine how a student is doing in their classes. However, the SAP team will not proceed unless the parent/guardian gives their written permission. Once permission is received, the team will work with you to develop a plan of action to help your child achieve success in school. Participation in the program is voluntary.

### **Are You Concerned About Your Child's Reaction to...?**

- Recent death of a loved one
- Divorce of parents
- Family relocation
- A relationship problem
- Bullying
- A traumatic event

### **What if Someone Has Referred My Child to the Elementary SAP Team?**

An Elementary SAP team member will contact you regarding your child's referral to the program. Before a SAP team member talks to your child, you will be asked to sign a permission form. The team will work with you and your child throughout the process. As a parent, your knowledge and thoughts about your child will be helpful in developing a plan of action. If you need more information before making a decision about SAP, please feel free to talk to an Elementary SAP team member.

### **Community Resources**

Northern Dauphin Human Services Center: 717-905-2700

Susquehanna Psychological Services: 717-362-8900

Northern Dauphin County YMCA Youth Mentoring: 717-362-9494

Case Management Unit: 717-362-1212

Crisis Intervention: 877-891-7544

Northern Dauphin Food Pantry: 717-905-2512

Upper Dauphin Snack Pack Program: 717-362-6642