



**OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**  
**Bureau of Child & Adolescent MH Services**

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**Ruth Ann Koss, Supervisor**  
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**Community Liaisons**

**School Based Liaisons** are professionally trained to serve as links between educational systems, mental health providers, and social service agencies and comprise the county Student Assistance Program coordinators. They can provide intervention quickly and decisively in situations when students need mental health services. The objective is to improve communication between systems, and to streamline service delivery.

**Emily Welte**, School Based Liaison

**(412) 350-4292** Cornell Moon  
 Allegheny Valley Deer Lakes Propel  
 Avonworth East Allegheny South Allegheny  
 Baldwin-Whitehall Keystone Oaks Shaler  
 Brentwood Montour Tilloston

**Heidi Sasson**, School Based Liaison

**(412) 350-6679** Fox Chapel Riverview  
 AIU Alt-Ed Highland Steel Valley  
 Carlynton McKeesport City Sto-Rox  
 Chartiers Valley Mt. Lebanon West Mifflin  
 Duquesne City Penn Hills Wilksburg  
 Woodland Hills

**Rusty Hewitt**, School Based Liaison

**(412) 350-7089** Gateway Plum  
 Bethel Park Mon Valley Quaker Valley  
 Clairton City North Allegheny South Fayette  
 Elizabeth Forward Pathfinder Sun Rise  
 Forbes Tech Pine-Richland W. Jefferson Hills

**Suzanne Hull and Kevin McCoy**, School Based Liaisons

**(412) 350-4958 (412) 350-3958**  
 Pittsburgh Public Schools

**Education Specialists** provide consultation to families and schools in order to facilitate the development of appropriate and meaningful Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) for students with special needs. They support families by providing information, initiating contacts and referrals, and attending meetings as an advisor in developing these plans. In addition, Education Specialists provide technical assistance and information on special education legislation and regulations for DHS and provider agencies serving children in Allegheny County Schools.

**Amy Hardy**, Education Specialist  
**(412) 350-5035**

**Edward Clint Hauser**, Education Specialist  
**(412) 350-2433**

**Joanna Patterson**, Education Specialist  
**(412) 350-6903**

**Kelly Spanos**, Education Specialist  
**(412) 350-6033**

**The Liaison to the Office of Children, Youth, and Family Services (OCYF)** works with CYF supervisors, resource specialists, and caseworkers to navigate through behavioral health services for children. The liaison provides linkage between OCYF, the Office of Behavioral Health (OBH), mental health service providers, and families to support continuity of care. The liaison provides on-site assistance in all five CYF regional offices as well as the Lexington Intake Department, Foster Care, and Adoption Units. The CYF liaison participates in permanency planning meetings and provides follow-up to the County Integrated Service Planning Review Process.

**Robert Fountaine**, Liaison to the Office of Children, Youth, and Family Services - **(412) 350-3438**

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**Ruth Ann Koss, ITM Review Process Administrator**

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**County Integration Teaming Meeting**

*When there are complex issues and barriers to successful treatment and recovery, the County Integration Teaming process is an opportunity for families and children to meet with those who are involved in their care to develop and implement a comprehensive plan of action to resolve these issues.*

**Amy M. Hill, ITM Co-facilitator**

**(412) 350-4394**

**Alicia Keener, Clerk Typist II**

**(412) 350-3716**

**Tammy Lopreiato, Allegheny Co. Early Intervention Coordinator**

**(412) 350-2429**

**Early Intervention**

*Early Intervention services improve long-term outcomes for young children who are at-risk of delay in one or more developmental areas by providing early, appropriate, and intensive interventions. Services include screening and evaluation, family training and counseling, speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychological services, auditory and visual services, and social work. The **Early Intervention Coordinator** of the Bureau of Child & Adolescent Services monitors early intervention providers in Allegheny County.*

**Eric Forsythe, Juvenile Court Liaison**

**(412) 350-3448**

**Juvenile Court Services**

*The **Juvenile Court Liaison** provides site-based consultation to the Juvenile Court, as needed, on mental health resources, identification of behavioral indicators of serious emotional disturbances, and assistance in facilitating referrals and acceptance into treatment. The liaison provides a linkage between the mental health system and the Juvenile Court, and coordinates mental health hospital hearings and commitments for juveniles.*

**Vacant, Supervisor**

**(412) 350-4954**

**Contract Monitoring**

**Brian Mahoney, Clerical Supervisor**

**(412) 350-4978**

*The Allegheny County Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) Bureau of Child & Adolescent Services provides mental health care, prevention, and early intervention services for children and adolescents through a network of contracted providers. Continuity of care, quality assurance, and accountability for the safety, dignity, and personal rights of service users is ensured through coordination and monitoring of service providers. The Bureau of Child & Adolescent Services **Contract Monitoring Supervisor** conducts trainings and presentations on Incident Management and Reporting for providers each year, reinforcing the reason for the process, the policies and procedures for reporting, and updates on changes in regulations.*

*The contract monitoring staff also oversees the process of incident management and reporting and receives reports from providers on incidents that occur with children and adolescents they serve. The incident reviewer contacts providers via telephone and confirms the incident as reported and interviews the reporter to determine what action steps were completed or are in process in order to resolve the incident and plan for safety or future actions.*

Contract Monitors:

**Eric Forsythe**

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**Heather Saylor**

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