

# WORRIED ABOUT YOUR CHILD?

The Elementary Student Assistance Program (ESAP) can help children experiencing barriers to learning.

## WHAT IS ESAP?

The Student Assistance Program (ESAP) is a process for identifying students who are experiencing behavior and/or academic difficulties which pose a barrier to their learning and success in school. ESAP offers support to those students and their families.

The core of the Student Assistance Program is a team of faculty members who have received specialized training from Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Approved ESAP Training providers and other related continuing education.

One of the most important tasks of a student assistance team is to build a partnership with families, focusing on the student's success as their common goal. Participation in the Student Assistance process is voluntary.

#### **PRIVACY**

The ESAP team information is completely confidential and the team will respect you and your child's privacy at all times.

#### **Earl ESAP TEAM MEMBERS:**

- Rachel Franco Principal (Interim)
- Erica Hummel School Counselor
- Pam Yasenchak 4th Grade Teacher
- Melanie Schappell 2nd Grade Teacher
- Lauren Clugston Learning Support Teacher
- Kristen Brown
  Speech and Language Teacher
- Kristen Horton School Counseling Coordinator
- Community Resource Liaison

# DO YOU SEE YOUR CHILD SHOWING ANY OF THESE BEHAVIORS?

- Attendance concerns
- Academic decline
- Withdrawing from family, friends, &/or activities
- Changing friends
- Unexplained physical injuries
- Feeling sad
- Talking about suicide
- Defying authority, both at home and at school
- Acting aggressively
- Hitting
- Lying
- Needing money without a good explanation
- Sudden change in grades
- Experimenting with alcohol or drugs
- Unexplained fatigue

## ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S REACTION TO...?

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

## WHAT IF SOMEONE HAS REFERRED MY CHILD TO ESAP?

An Earl ESAP team member will contact you regarding your child's referral to the program. Before any action is taken you must give your permission. The Earl ESAP team will work with you and your child throughout the process.

As a parent/guardian, 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 ESAP, please feel free to talk to an Earl ESAP team member.