

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

- I. Purpose: The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to describe the mutual goals and responsibilities regarding a cooperative agreement between the Desert Sage Resource Center (DSRC) and the Bailey Charter Elementary School. The goal is to promote students achieving positive academic and emotional outcomes by creating a safe and supportive school environment that meets the social and emotional needs via in-school behavioral health services provided by the Psychology Health Services Internship Program and the Clinical Social Work Internship Program.
- II. Background: Bailey Charter Elementary School will be the clinical site to provide opportunities to deliver mental health care to student clients in in the elementary school. Bailey Charter Elementary is a charter school, a free/public school of choice serving grades kindergarten through sixth. Their philosophy is based on the simple concept of building a community of learners. Bailey Charter Elementary School is committed to providing a supportive environment which encourages students to connect their knowledge to the real world through inquiry-based learning and differentiated instruction. As part of the clinical psychoeducational services provided by both the Health Service Psychology Interns and the Clinical Social Work Interns, students will receive 2 hours of psychoeducational services per week. The psychoeducational services will include guidance on developing greater emotional intelligence, self-regulation, and prosocial behaviors. Clinical services will provide opportunities for assessment, crisis intervention, teacher consultation, and delivering of a variety of psychotherapies.
- III. Mutual Goals: Both the DSRC and Bailey Charter Elementary School desire to enter a cooperative partnership to facilitate mutually beneficial delivery of in-school, evidenced-based mental health care to the students of Bailey Charter Elementary School with teacher consultation support. In furtherance of these goals, both parties agree to make every reasonable effort to fulfill the responsibilities outlined below in section IV.

IV. Parties' Roles and Responsibilities:

DSRC will:

1. Provide the services of a clinical director.
2. Provide clinicians including psychological interns and social work interns supervised by a licensed psychologist at Bailey Charter Elementary School.
3. Provide electronic medical record management for DSRC clinicians providing services in Bailey Charter Elementary School to document confidential clinical encounters.
4. With parent permission will bill Medicaid for services rendered to increase the probability of sustainability in the future.

Bailey Charter Elementary School will:

1. Designate physical space (one office for individual psychotherapy) for the delivery of clinical health care for clinicians from DSRC.
2. Follow guidelines on the confidentiality and privacy of data; maintain data in password protected computers; data access
3. Follow DSRC and Bailey Charter Elementary School guidelines that guarantee the confidentiality of medical records
4. Facilitate billing to the state for timely reimbursement of services delivered by DSRC for Bailey Charter Elementary School.

- V. Financial aspects: This MOU sets out to establish a collaborative relationship between DSRC and Bailey Charter Elementary School to create a synergistic effect to deliver school-based mental health

services. DSRC will be reimbursed based on the services that they provide. Arranged compensation will be paid at the beginning of each semester.

- VI. Voluntary Disassociation: This MOU is a nonbinding agreement that both parties have entered in good faith. Either party may disassociate from the effort without penalty or liability by so notifying the other in writing. Written notice shall be sent ninety (90) days prior to the disassociation.
- VII. Term and Amendment: This Memorandum shall be in effect for the period of one year beginning August 15, 2022. Both parties reserve the right to renegotiate this Memorandum upon the mutual consent of the other party. At the conclusion of the two-year period, this Memorandum may be extended by common written consent of both parties. This Memorandum represents the entire understanding of both parties with respect to this partnership. Any modification of this Memorandum must be in writing and signed by the parties.
- VIII. IN WITNESS WHEREOF duly authorized representatives of the parties have agreed to the understanding of responsibilities set forth above.

Executive Director of Desert Sage Resource Center

Signature

Date

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Principal of Bailey Charter Elementary School

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8/15/2022

Date