

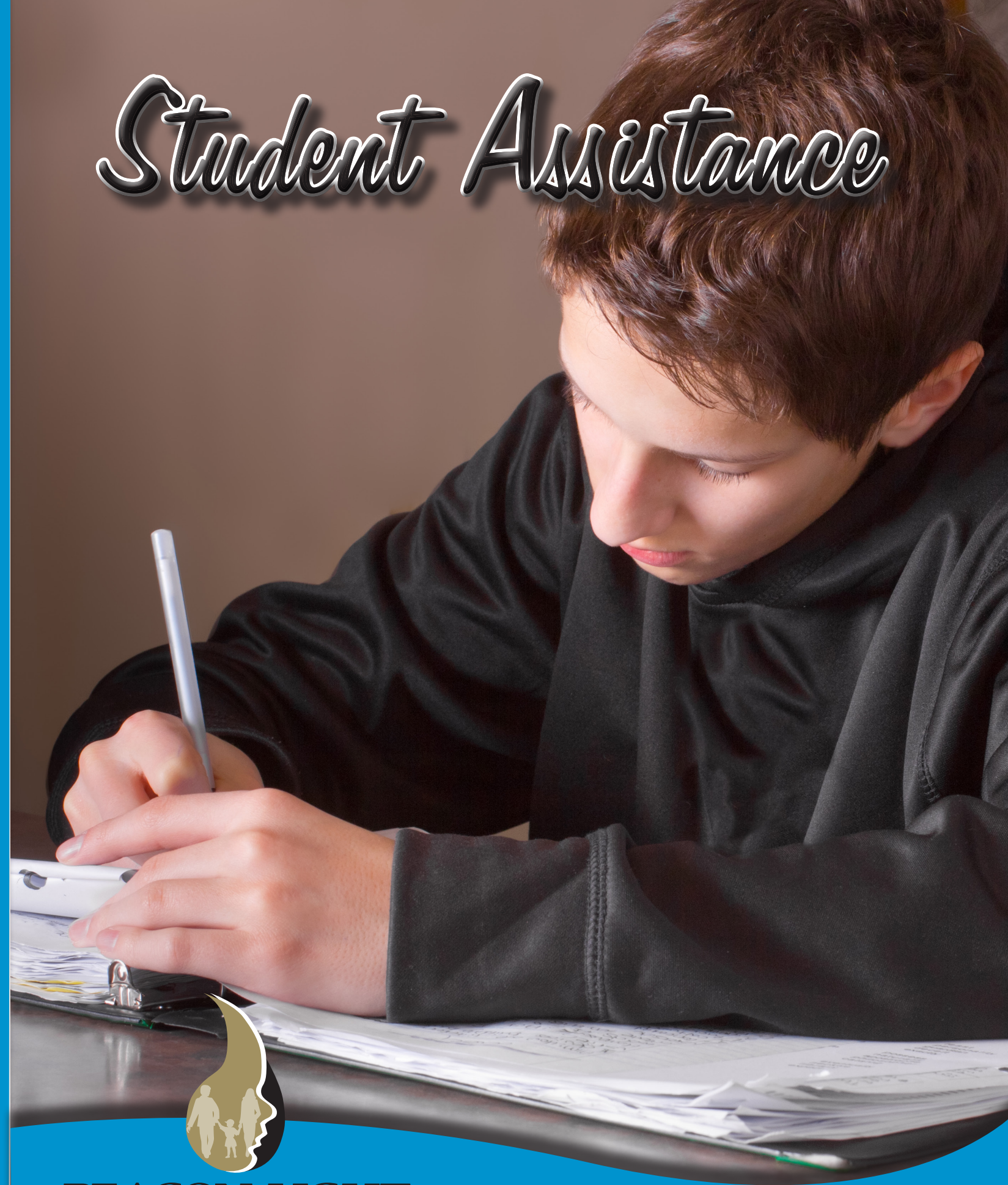
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# Student Assistance



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## Admission Criteria

Any student in grades K-12 who is experiencing some sort of road block toward furtherment of their education. These “road blocks” could be Mental Health issues, Drug and Alcohol issues, family issues, peer issues or any other outside barrier affecting a students education.

## What Is Student Assistance?

Student Assistance is a program designed to assist students to work through issues that may be affecting their education. Assistance is provided through psycho-educational groups, individual sessions with a liaison, or referral to an outside source for MH and/or D&A treatment. Student Assistance is not a counseling program in of itself. It is designed to assess students who are referred with psycho-educational material or to assist students and their families in obtaining outside clinical services, if needed.

## Crisis Services

Though Student Assistance does not have a crisis component, assistance is offered in the event of a major crisis that may happen at a school or schools. Crisis can include the death of a student, the death of a teacher, a school bus accident where students are involved or any other major crisis that may affect a large portion of the student body.

## Use Of Community Resources

After completing the initial screening, the Student Assistance Program (SAP) liaison determines if the student is need of outside services. If this determination is made, the SAP Liaison works with the student and their family to assist them in obtaining the correct level of care. Common outside referrals include Multisystemic Therapy (MST), Family Based Mental Health, Outpatient services, and Drug & Alcohol Counseling. In-school services include out- patient services and school social workers.

## Payment For Services/Authorizations

There is no charge to the student or their family for Student Assistance services. The program is paid for by the students school district and funding from the County.

## Length Of Stay

Though SAP is considered a short term placement, the Liaison’s often times work with a student for the majority of a school year. After initial contact is made, the Liaisons will continue to check in on a student throughout the school year to ensure that they are still doing well.

## Referrals

Anyone can make a referral to the Student Assistance Program. Rreferrals can be made to the school’s principal or guidance counselor or by completing a referral form found through the elementary, middle and high school’s within the county or by calling one of the SAP Liaisons at 814-584-1140 (ext. 1183).

## ABOUT BEACON LIGHT

Beacon Light Behavioral Health System was founded in the early 1900’s to provide services to children abandoned or orphaned by the early oil and lumber industries. Throughout its history, the agency has provided quality care to young people. As the needs of our society changed, Beacon Light Behavioral Health System evolved into a private, not-forprofit social service agency providing quality, professional behavioral health and educational services.

Beacon Light Behavioral Health System’s continuum of care includes multiple programs of varying intensity across a broad geographic region. Regardless of the location and type of service accessed, qualified mental health treatment professionals provide individualized treatment planning and care.

