

## **Southern Local Elementary School**

### **Introduction To Coleman Professional Counseling Services**

For the past three years Southern Local Elementary School has been able to offer on-site professional counseling services through Coleman Professional Services located in Steubenville, Ohio. A licensed counselor has provided excellent individual counseling services to our students during that time.

Counseling services are provided at the elementary school each Monday and Wednesday throughout the school year. Summer counseling services are also available at the school for parents who would like their child to receive those services during the Summer. Individual counseling sessions are for thirty-three to thirty-five minutes. The counselor, Michelle Hunt spends the entire day at the elementary school each Monday and Wednesday. If additional time is needed beyond Monday and Wednesday then Michelle will schedule the needed time for another day of the week. This allows Michelle to meet with the students on a weekly basis or on an as needed basis.

Coleman Professional Services does accept Medicaid insurance plans. Parents who choose to have their child/children receive counseling services through Coleman Professional Services will complete a diagnostic intake assessment with their child and Michelle. The intake assessment will take place at the elementary school on a day and time that is convenient for the parent. The intake assessment takes between sixty and ninety minutes.

Upon completion of the diagnostic intake assessment an action plan will be developed to address the needs of the student. The parent(s), student and Michelle will develop the plan together. The action plan will be reviewed on a regular basis and the parent(s) will be informed if the counselor recommends changes to the plan.

Over the past three years Michelle has developed a strong relationship with the parents and students that she works with. This relationship has enabled the parent, student and Michelle to make informed decisions that are the most beneficial to the child.

For your convenience I have included in this link the informational parent letter and the referral form that is used when referring a student for Coleman Professional Counseling services.