



PA Network for Student Assistance Services (PNSAS) Guidelines for Student Assistance Program (SAP) County Coordination Teams

The purpose of SAP County Coordination Teams is to provide the leadership, planning and coordination necessary to implement effective SAP services at the county or county joiner level. County Coordination Teams should assist SAP teams in their four-phase process by collaborating on prevention, intervention, and postvention services to effectively support students and families.

County Coordination Team Membership

Teams could be comprised of members who are representatives of the following:

- County Mental Health/ Intellectual Disabilities program offices
- Single County Authority (SCA)
- School entities (SAP team leaders/representatives)
- School Resource Officers (SRO)
- Intermediate Unit staff (Interagency Coordinator, Mental Health Specialist, or Training and Consultation (TaC) staff)
- PA Network for Student Assistance Services (PNSAS) Regional Coordinator
- SAP Liaisons and/or Liaison supervisors (mental health, drug and alcohol, and behavioral health liaisons)
- Youth-focused prevention and intervention agencies
- PA Approved SAP Training Provider (PASTP)
- Children and Youth Services (CYS)
- Juvenile Probation (JPO)

Goals:

1. Promote communication, coordination and collaboration of SAP services among school entities, agencies, community, families, and students.
2. Identify needs and gaps in SAP and youth-focused services in the county/county joiner and develop a plan(s) to address these.
3. Identify training needs for SAP teams and partners and identify strategies to meet these through county updates, team maintenance, etc.
4. Promote joint planning and collaboration among youth focused systems for resource development and effective service delivery.
5. Enhance communication, feedback, and conflict resolution among youth-focused systems.