School-Based Care Coordinator Program

Connecting youth and families to counseling services and locally-based resources.

School Based Care Coordinators work alongside school personnel to help students and families access a variety of services and resources. The SBCC program is here to help students remain in the school setting and academically focused, as well as help with accessing supports. Each Care Coordinator provides case management, ensuring students and families receive the help they need.

Heywood Healthcare has partnered with Gardner Public Schools to provide on-site access to behavioral health services and off-site services as appropriate. We also provide family outreach utilizing community-based resources. If you have a need, which is not reflected in the resources listed, please contact your child’s guidance counselor for further assistance.

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In-school counseling services

On-site clinicians are available to students based on referrals made by the guidance departments. Clinical supports are also available off-site if desired.

Resources on school websites

(Select tab for Family / Student resources)

- Comcast Discount
- Montachusett Home Care Giver Supports
- Understood.org—learning and attention issues

Community Resources

Housing

- Gardner Emergency Housing Mission
- Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Network
- Our Father’s House
- Transitional Living / LUK
- Abbey’s House
- DHCD - shelters

HOPE, INC.

- Summer camp—financial assistance upon eligibility
- After school programming for 6th-8th grades—financial assistance for application fees

YMCA

- Financial Aid for Memberships
- Fitness Classes
- Swim Lessons
- Sports Teams
- Summer Camps

Health / Dental Insurance

- Services at Community Health Center can walk you through the MassHealth application process; bilingual coordinator is available

Transportation

- MART Transit Services, bus stop late afternoon at GHS
- Transportation to medical appointments is available for MassHealth members through patient transportation (PT-1) referral by primary care

Fuel/ Food/ Utility/ Clothing Assistance

- CAC / Catholic Charities
- SNAP—food stamps
- Fuel assistance program
- National Grid