



Parent Authorization for School-Based Referral for Student Support

In 2020, the Arizona Legislature passed S.B. 1523, which is also known as Jake's Law. This law funds behavioral health services for uninsured and underinsured children who are referred through a public educational institution. This special allocation of one-time state funding, known as the Children's Behavioral Health Services Fund, allows schools to refer students for Behavioral Health services for anxiety, depression, social isolation, stress, behavioral issues, or any other mental health concern.

Services can be provided by participating providers throughout the state who contract with the AHCCCS Complete Care-Regional Behavioral Health Agreements (ACC-RBHAs).

Yuma Elementary School District One has agreements in place with the following agencies:

- Easter Seals Blake Foundation
- Horizon Health & Wellness
- Intermountain – Community Partners Integrated Healthcare

I provide consent for counseling staff members from Yuma Elementary School District One to complete a referral form to one of the above agencies on behalf of my child. I understand that once this referral is submitted, any decision regarding services for my child will be between myself and the referred agency.

Student Name: _____ DOB: _____

School Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

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REFERRALS TO OTHER AGENCIES

The Superintendent is authorized, at his or her discretion, to make school-based referrals to community based behavioral health providers in compliance with A.R.S. [§36-3436.01](#).

If the Superintendent elects to provide school-based referrals for behavioral health services to a contracted behavioral health services provider pursuant to the children's behavioral health services fund established by section A.R.S. [§36-3436](#) or for services provided through the Arizona health care cost containment system, then the Superintendent shall:

- A. Create a process to allow parents to annually opt-in to school-based referrals. (See JLDAB-R).
- B. Create a process to conduct a survey of parents whose children were referred to and received behavioral health services pursuant to A.R.S. [§36-3436.01](#). The survey must meet the requirements of A.R.S. [§36-3436.01\(2\)](#). (See JLDAB-E)
- C. Post a list of behavioral health services providers with whom the school contracts on the school's website.
- D. Post this policy on the applicable school website.
- E. At the end of each school year, report to the Arizona health care cost containment system administration the school survey results. (See JLDAB-E)

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