Geauga Campus and Regional Academic Center Resources

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#### County of Summit Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health [ADM] Board
P: 330-762-3500
W: www.admboard.org/serviceproviders.php

#### Minority Behavioral Health Group
P: 330-374-1199
W: www.minoritybehavioralhealth.org

#### Twinsburg Police
P: 911 [Emergency]
P: 330-425-1234 [Nonemergency]
W: www.twinburgpolice.org

#### Victim Assistance Program
P: 330-376-0040
W: www.victimassistanceprogram.org

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### Situations You Can Address and Make Referrals

**Minimal risk to self or others**

Types of signs and symptoms:
- Individual does not express or indicate issues of risk to self or others.
- Only a few indicators of distress are evident (e.g., difficulty focusing, troubles with sleep).
- Disrespectful or inappropriate language.
- Visible distress, academic difficulties, sleep or eating problems, emotional outbursts, social withdrawal.
- Issue is typically impacting only one area of the individual’s life (e.g., family, academic or social).

Examples:
- Individual reports being depressed or anxious and denies suicidal or homicidal thoughts.
- Individual sends an email with profanity demanding immediate response.
- Individual appears to have distorted body image and frequently references a desire to lose weight.
- Student will not put away a laptop when requested by an instructor.
- Student raises voice at the office receptionist and demands assistance.
- Individual is stressed about upcoming exam and discloses history of test anxiety.

What you can do: **Offer information and resources**
- Share your concerns and offer campus and/or community resources that may help with the individual’s issue. Consult this card for specific resources.
- Consult with the Office of Student Conduct to determine an appropriate course of action.
- Consider following up with the individual to express concern and see if any help is needed getting connected to campus resources.
- If in doubt, consult with your supervisor or chair/director.

### Situations Requiring Assistance

**Possible risk to self or others**

Types of signs and symptoms:
- Individual may be at risk to self or others.
- Several indicators of distress are evident (e.g., difficulty focusing, decreased appetite, poor class attendance, can’t sleep).
- Expressions of hopelessness.
- Emotional reaction out of proportion to situation.
- Issue is impacting more than one area of an individual’s life (e.g., family, academic, social, personal).

Examples:
- Individual exhibits behavior that seems disorganized or paranoid. Individual may not be in touch with reality.
- Individual reports a history of self-injurious behavior (e.g., cutting or burning self) and reports the urge to engage in this behavior again.
- Student has not followed an employee’s repeated requests to stop the disruptive behavior and is ignoring the employee’s request that the student leave the office.
- Individual experiencing a sudden and distressing event (e.g., death of loved one, break up, divorce) and seems emotionally inconsolable.

What you can do: **Consult with a resource about your concerns**
- Inform a distressed individual that you would like to call a mental health resource to obtain guidance about how to best help.
- Review “Dealing With Disruptive Individuals” section of file folder for guidance.
- Contact the Care Team for support and consultation.

### Urgent Situations Requiring Immediate Assistance

**Imminent risk to self or others**

Types of signs and symptoms:
- Situation presents an immediate threat of harm to self or others (e.g., individual has a weapon, verbal threats are being made).
- Individual discloses intent to harm others or take own life.
- Multiple indicators of distress are evident (e.g., difficulty focusing, decreased appetite or weight loss, poor class attendance, can’t sleep and appears exhausted).
- Issue is impacting multiple areas of an individual’s life (e.g., family, academic, social, personal).

Examples:
- Individual attempts or threatens to cause physical harm to others.
- Individual states that if a situation is not resolved appropriately “you will pay for it.”
- Individual threatens immediate danger to self (e.g., threatens to shoot self, take pills, jump off a building).
- Student in the classroom is yelling, does not respond to the instructor’s attempts to de-escalate the situation, and begins to throw a chair.
- Individual is unconscious, unresponsive or tells you that pills were ingested.

What you can do: **Contact an emergency resource**
- Call 911 when the individual poses an immediate danger to self or others.
- Share documentation with your supervisor or chair/director per department protocol.
- For additional support following immediate assistance, contact the Care Team for support and consultation.