

In-district Inclusion Support, Assessments, Transition, and Wraparound Services



Working Together for LASTING RESULTS

We work with schools in and outside of our member districts to deliver supports and services to families and students with special educational needs.

With the use of Multimodal Universal Design Strategies our staff contribute to the achievement of milestones that enrich our students' lives and support their success in school and in the community—from tying shoes, to learning to walk, to writing, to reading, to driving a power wheelchair, to the building of self-advocacy skills, to gaining skills needed for employment, to communicating feelings and developing choice-making skills through music or partner-assisted technology.

AVC staff are skillful collaborators that partner with educators and families to ensure that strategies and programs are integrated into the routines of the students' school life, supporting student access to the educational curriculum as well as the functional non-academic tasks of their school life.

COLLABORATION and TEAMWORK are key to skills learning and successful inclusion for each student.



The Assabet Valley Collaborative (AVC) Consultation Services offers our member and nonmember districts the expertise and assistance to address the wide-ranging needs of students and families. Together, we can improve and enhance your programming to meet the ever-changing needs of your students.

Discover the opportunities for all learners through our programs and services

Physical and Occupational Therapy:

- Assessments
- Program Development
- Direct and ongoing evidenced based services
- Equipment Management

Transition Services including:

- Program evaluation and development
- Direct and ongoing services
- Development of community partner relationships for experiential job-skills training
- Professional development including job-coach training
- Student vocational and transition assessments
- On-site job coaches
- Transportation to work and community locations

Psychiatric Consultation assists with:

- Medication awareness
- Accessing resources
- Crisis guidance
- Professional development

Psychological Consultation offers student assessments in the domain areas of:

- Achievement
- Cognitive
- Specific learning disability
- Social/emotional functioning
- Personality testing using the MMPI-A
- Violent risk assessment including fire setter and sexual offender
- FBA & BSP (Functional behavior assessment and behavior support plan)
- PBIS Training & Consultation

Music Therapy creatively supports students:

- Social emotional
- Physical difficulties
- Anxiety
- Communication disorders

Family Success Partnership (FSP):

- Voluntary family participation
- Strength-based wraparound service model
- Connecting families to community resources and supports
- Support the diverse needs of students and families
- Professional development for school teams

AVC consultation services referrals come primarily from member and nonmember school district special education administrators. Nonmember districts referrals are serviced at a nonmember rate.

MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR



For 17 years, I have had the privilege to help provide programming and student interventions within schools of our member districts. I love collaborating with our highly professional staff, leveraging their expertise and experience to create programs that promote student learning and engagement in the least restrictive environment. We've been able to support several member districts with a highly qualified Music Therapist. Additionally, we have added to our staff a Transition Specialist who has received from DESE the Transition Endorsement and we have clinical staff that provide student assessments in the domains of psychology, transition, physical and occupational therapy. There is never a day when we are not striving to do our best for our most fragile learners!

- Nancy Ahrabi-Nejad
Director of Consultation Services

“It was a privilege working with your students this year. The kids have so much to offer and they are eager to do a good job. I hope you have an opportunity to build your employer base since it's a win-win for both the employer and the student! All kids deserve that opportunity to succeed!”

Did you KNOW?

- Our consultation services staff bring expertise from professional organizations in which they are active members.
- We provide consultation services that are highly flexible and practiced at responding to the complex and individual requests of our member districts.
- We pride ourselves on hiring staff that are compassionate and caring.
- We strive to help each student reach his or her highest potential so that they feel a part of the community and gain the opportunity to live a safe and healthy life.

Our **STAFF** is the **CORNERSTONE** of our success

Our Consultation Services team comprises the most skilled, knowledgeable and compassionate professionals that hold among them licenses in the following areas: LICSW, NCSP, LMHC, CRC, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Transition Endorsement, and Music Therapy. Our team emphasizes collaboration and partnership with our districts and our families. This solidarity allows us to provide the services needed for our unique learners to succeed.



Student Poem

I may be small but you know I matter...
You taught me, you cared for me,
and you believed in me.
Your guidance provided me a path.
As I grow up, each of you will have
been a critical part of the amazing
person I ultimately become!

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