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Harford County Public Schools Offers Mental Health Care Coordination Services

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Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) announces the selection of Care Solace to expand access to community mental health and substance use treatment providers for students, staff, and their families. The school system can provide this service to all stakeholders thanks to a generous grant of more than \$165,000 by the Harford County Health Department (HCHD).

“Everyone deserves access to mental health care. The Harford County Health Department is happy to continue its long-time partnership with Harford County Public Schools with the shared goal of improving access to mental health care. With the growing demand for mental health services, we are thrilled to support Care Solace, a mental health care coordination service, for the purpose of connecting any and all HCPS students, school staff, and their families to quality mental health and substance use treatment providers who will meet their needs,” said Marcy Austin, Harford County Health Officer.

“Access to mental health resources has become increasingly challenging and working with Care Solace will help remove many barriers,” said Superintendent Sean Bulson. “I’m proud we can partner with the Harford County Health Department to bring such a vital service to all school system stakeholders. A mentally healthy school community is vital to our future. By offering Care Solace to our greater community, we are letting them know we see their struggles, and will do everything we can to help them succeed.”

With Care Solace, families and staff gain access to a dedicated Care Companion to navigate the mental health care system on their behalf, calling providers to find the right fit and availability. They will connect individuals with verified providers accepting all medical insurances or even individuals without insurance. Care Solace has also equipped HCPS with a customized online tool that gives community members a way to anonymously search for community-based providers matched to their needs.

“We are proud to support Harford County Public Schools in prioritizing the well-being of its school community by providing timely access into mental health care and substance use treatment services,” said Chad Castruita, Founder and CEO of Care Solace.

The Care Solace service is now available at no cost to HCPS students, staff, and their families. For more information about Care Solace, please visit <https://www.caresolace.org>.

Parents, guardians and staff may access Care Solace services by utilizing the [Care Solace website](#) or by calling (888) 515-0595. Support is available 24/7/365 in 200+ languages. Parents and guardians can also call their child’s school to have an HCPS staff member complete a referral on their behalf.

About Care Solace

Care Solace is on a mission to calm the chaos of mental health care. The organization provides mental

health care coordination services for school systems, existing to ensure that students, staff, and their families quickly connect to verified providers in their communities. Care Solace offers proprietary software to aggregate mental health care providers and substance use treatment options. Currently, Care Solace proudly serves three million students and twelve million staff and family members in over 700 school systems.

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