

INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICES

N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7

6A:16-7.1 Establishment of intervention and referral services

- (a) District boards of education shall establish and implement a coordinated system in each school building for the planning and delivery of intervention and referral services that are designed to assist students who are experiencing learning, behavior or health difficulties and to assist staff who have difficulties in addressing students' learning, behavior or health needs. District boards of education shall choose the appropriate multidisciplinary team approach for planning and delivering the services required under this subchapter.
1. The intervention and referral services shall be provided to aid students in the general education program; and
 2. The intervention and referral services, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:46-18.1 et seq. and this subchapter, may be provided for students who have been determined to be in need of special education programs and services.
 - i. The intervention and referral services provided for students with learning disabilities shall be coordinated with the student's Individualized Education Program team, as appropriate.

6A:16-7.2 Functions of intervention and referral services

- (a) The functions of the system of intervention and referral services in each school building shall be to:
1. Identify learning, behavior and health difficulties of students;
 2. Collect thorough information on the identified learning, behavior and health difficulties;
 3. Develop and implement action plans which provide for appropriate school or community interventions or referrals to school and community resources, based on the collected data and desired outcomes for the identified learning, behavior and health difficulties;
 4. Provide support, guidance, and professional development to school staff who identify learning, behavior and health difficulties;
 5. Provide support, guidance, and professional development to school staff who participate in each building's system for planning and providing intervention and referral services;

6. Actively involve parents or guardians in the development and implementation of intervention and referral services action plans;
7. Coordinate the access to and delivery of school resources and services for achieving the outcomes identified in the intervention and referral services action plans;
8. Coordinate the services of community-based social and health provider agencies and other community resources for achieving the outcomes identified in the intervention and referral services action plans;
9. Maintain records of all requests for assistance and all intervention and referral services action plans, according to the requirements of 34 CFR Part 98, 34 CFR Part 99, 42 CFR Part II, N.J.S.A. 18A:40A-7.1, N.J.A.C. 6A:16-3.2, and N.J.A.C. 6:3-2.1;
10. Review and assess the effectiveness of the provisions of each intervention and referral services action plan in achieving the outcomes identified in each action plan and modify each action plan to achieve the outcomes, as appropriate; and
11. At a minimum, annually review the intervention and referral services action plans and the actions taken as a result of the building's system of intervention and referral services and make recommendations to the principal for improving school programs and services, as appropriate.

6A:16-7.3 School staff and community member roles for planning and implementing intervention and referral services

- (a) The district board of education shall establish guidelines for the involvement of school staff and community members in each building's system of intervention and referral services, which shall, at a minimum:
 1. Identify the roles and responsibilities of the building staff who participate in each building's system for planning and providing intervention and referral services, including the roles and responsibilities of staff members who identify learning, behavior or health difficulties;
 2. Identify the roles and responsibilities of other district staff for aiding in the development and implementation of intervention and referral services action plans; and
 3. Identify the roles, responsibilities and parameters for the participation of community members for aiding in the development and implementation of intervention and referral services action plans.