

Get to know your school-based therapist

# Brooke Whittaker, MA

Meet Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health's Brooke Whittaker, who is the school-based therapist at Massillon East Elementary School.

Brooke, who graduated from Rushville-Industry High School (Ill.), went on to earn her bachelor's degree in psychology and minor in biology from Illinois Wesleyan University. She earned her master's degree in clinical psychology with an emphasis in child and adolescent psychology from Adler University. She is working on her doctorate of psychology from Adler.

Brooke said, the best part of her job, "I love being able to meet children, adolescents and their families where they are at by truly seeing them, hearing them and helping them feel understood. Watching them grow, open-up and find their own strengths over time is incredibly rewarding."

Hobbies: Reading, crocheting, going on walks with my dog

Favorite book: Yours Truly Favorite movies: Inside Out 2

Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health's (C&A's) school-based consultation services include behavioral health screening and referral, crisis intervention, student social/emotional skill development and behavioral health and wellness education, community linkage and referrals, parent/guardian engagement/education, CARE team meetings and collaboration with school staff. When indicated, students may receive formal diagnostic and treatment services, provided at the school, by the school-based therapist.

- Students are referred to counseling by school staff and CARE teams to screen for mental health or substance issues
- Parents are asked to be engaged in the process
- C&A will assist with linking families to community resources as needed.
- C&A's clinical staff collaborates closely with school staff to enhance a supportive social/ emotional school environment



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## Services at a Glance

#### Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health (C&A)

MISSION STATEMENT: Working together to be the premier resource for emotional and behavioral health services and products that help children, youth, and families successfully meet life's challenges.

Ages Served: Birth – 24 years old

**Locations:** Services may be offered in homes, schools, C&A's four Stark County offices, and other community locations throughout Stark County.

### Services and Programs Available:

Case Management Prevention and consultation services

Diagnostic Assessment Psychiatric evaluations/medication management
Dialectical Behavioral Therapy Sexually Inappropriate Behavioral Remediation

Early Childhood Consultation and Treatment

Substance Abuse Treatment

Individual and Family Therapies Transitional Aged Youth Services

Intensive home-based services/MST Trauma Focused CBT

Parenting Skills Development Trauma Informed Day Treatment

Peer Mentoring Services

#### Concerns Addressed (include but are not limited to):

Anxiety LGBTQ

Autism Spectrun Disorders

Bereavement, grief and loss

Oppositional and conduct disorders

Parent/child relationship issues

Bullying Psychosis

Court/Legal Involment School difficulties

Depression/mood disorders Self-injurious behaviors

Disruptive behaviors Social/relationship issues

Divorce, separation, and loss

Substance use/abuse

Emotional regulation/anger management

Trauma - physical, sexual abuse

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders