



2012-2013 Annual Report



Our Mission

The mission of MindPeace is to improve access to high quality mental healthcare for all children in Cincinnati.

The long-term objective of MindPeace is to ensure that there is a seamless system of mental health care for children that meets specific characteristics of quality, provides a continuum of care, has system connections, and is affordable.

Short-term focus areas are expansion of school-based mental health services and resources, referral network development for pediatricians, and process improvement in the area of transitions in care. For school-based services, MindPeace serves as co-leader of the school-based mental health network for Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS). Through the empowerment of neighborhoods, CPS Community Learning Centers have been a major factor in the expansion and improvement of school-based mental health services.



“MindPeace has been a powerful partner throughout our efforts to bring mental health services to school-age students. They helped us dream big, build an innovative system, and then monitor our efforts. At each step of the process they have been there with us and together we have created an amazing partnership that benefits the students, families, and our community.”

-Mark Winters, Special Programs Principal, Oak Hills Local School District

Helping Pediatricians Make Connections to Mental Healthcare

A searchable online database of mental health providers accessible from the MindPeace website was launched to help pediatricians connect children and families to mental health services in the community. Pediatricians and families can search for mental health providers by zip code, insurance type, age group served or specialty to find a provider to meet their individual needs. During the first year of its launch, over 660 unique searches were made within the database.

SEARCH DATABASE



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To spread the word on the database and other resources available on the website, tear off pads for pediatric practices were developed. Next year, we will personally deliver these pads to over 75 community pediatrician offices.

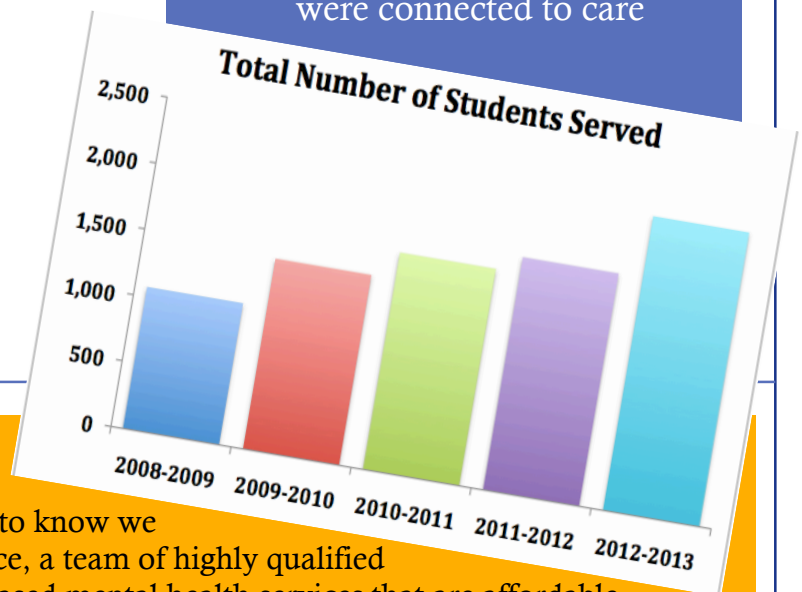
"I have witnessed families with a wide range of mental health challenges. It is comforting to know we have a wonderful resource through MindPeace, a team of highly qualified professionals dedicated to providing school-based mental health services that are affordable for our families and at no cost to our school or our district. This non-profit organization collaborates directly with our staff to problem solve and enhance the services provided to our students. We have continued to enjoy weekly planning and debriefings on ways to better serve students and their families who are experiencing a wide range of challenges. Thank you to this wonderful organization for providing some added peace of mind to our staff and students in this time of cutbacks and funding challenges within school settings."

-Steve Brokamp, Principal, The School for Creative and Performing Arts

School-Based Mental Health by the Numbers

In the 2012-2013 school year with the support of MindPeace:

- 49 schools had a lead school-based mental health partnership with an organization chosen by their community
- 129 mental health professionals were in schools on a full-time basis
- Over 41,000 students had access to quality mental healthcare
- 74% of students referred for mental health services were connected to care



Transitions to Care

MindPeace began two projects to increase continuity of care for students transitioning from elementary school to high school and for students transitioning from high school to adult services. The 36 elementary mental health teams were given on-site training on process improvement for the transition to high school. Educational materials for families about the importance of continuity of care for students with mental health needs entering an unfamiliar and stressful high school environment were delivered.

MindPeace partnered with JOURNEY to Successful Living to create pathways and resources to help guide the transition process for high school mental health staff, high school students receiving mental health services and their families. Fourteen high schools were visited for on-site training on how to use the materials. Over 55 students and their families benefited from the training and received materials. A work group of school mental health teams assembled to continue learning more about the needs of transitional aged youth.

"Journey to Successful Living was pleased to partner with MindPeace in their efforts to support successful transition to community-based mental health services, for Cincinnati Public Schools high school students with mental health challenges. In support of student transitions and the changing role of families once students leave the school setting, MindPeace and JOURNEY developed on-site Transition Toolkits for students, their families, mental health providers, and school staff that offered information and other resources to enhance understanding of youth culture and the need for on-going mental health services."

-Carolyn Jones, JOURNEY Project Director

Sustainability

In a time of scarce resources, a large opportunity has been created through the development of a sustainable business model that braids together a variety of available services and supports which ultimately result in improved mental health functioning and academic outcomes. Lead mental health providers are able to integrate resources and more effectively provide targeted, meaningful services. MindPeace helps providers recognize that school-based mental health services are service lines that can be managed differently to achieve financial goals. Financial sustainability assistance is a key service provided by MindPeace. Because of the MindPeace collaboration and the more effective business model which has been developed and supported, the capacity to provide mental health services to children has been greatly increased.

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