Program Staff

A multi-disciplinary team, led by the psychiatrist, is utilized by the partial hospitalization program. Interventions are led by a master’s level therapist and additional support is provided by bachelor’s level mental health workers. A psychiatric nurse is available to assist with additional mental health needs. A certified teacher is provided for academic instruction.
The Acute Children’s Partial Hospitalization Program at BHS

The Acute Children’s Partial Hospitalization Program provides acute, comprehensive mental health treatment for children residing in Butler County.

The program is for children who have been identified as having significant difficulties successfully integrating into community and school-based activities. The program focuses on stabilizing and treating children who do not require inpatient treatment but are in need of more intensive treatment than outpatient services can provide.

Acute Children’s Partial is appropriate for many different mental health disorders for children ages six to eighteen. The purpose of the acute partial program is to improve the child’s social and emotional functioning while meeting their mental health and educational needs. A variety of mental health groups occur throughout the day. Group therapy topics include topics such as problem-solving, coping skills, self-esteem, social skills, and emotional regulation.

Each group will receive one hour of academic instruction daily by a certified teacher to help students stay current with school work. Specific group therapy is provided for children to work on behaviors that interfere with their ability to learn in the school setting and to develop and practice skills and behaviors that will enable them to function more appropriately in a school environment.

About the Program

• The treatment team meets weekly to review the child’s progress and treatment goals.
• The psychiatrist provides medication management when appropriate.
• A child cannot receive other mental health therapy while participating in Acute Children’s Partial.
• Collaboration is on-going with the school, family, and other agencies involved to provide optimum treatment.
• The team engages in discharge planning for successful transition back to school.
• The program is offered Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 2:30pm daily.
• Length of stay is approximately 20 days.
• Children appropriate for partial are ages six to eighteen.
• Treatment is available for many different mental health disorders.
• Available to Butler County residents.

Referral Process

• Referrals can be made by schools, mental health providers, and families.
• Children referred for Acute Children’s Partial will require an intake assessment by the program director and a psychiatric evaluation by the program’s psychiatrist to ensure eligibility.
• Contact BHS Family Services at 724-284-4894 to make a referral.

Questions?
For more information or to make a referral, contact BHS Family Services at 724-284-4894.

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