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## ATCHISON ACADEMY

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### OUR VISION

We envision healthy, safe communities where individual differences are valued, human dignity is preserved, and personal strengths are enhanced.

### OUR MISSION

The Guidance Center promotes healthy communities by delivering comprehensive behavioral health services to individuals, families, and communities of Atchison, Jefferson and Leavenworth Counties.

### OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Human suffering caused by psychological, relational and substance abuse difficulties is both preventable and treatable. We will commit resources to both prevention and treatment.

We will provide our services in the least restrictive environment possible to prevent & alleviate human suffering.

Our communities benefit as we provide these services regardless of an affected person's ability to pay. We will not deny services due to genuine inability to pay.

Our first priority is to serve the residents in our three-county area. Core services will be readily accessible to every resident.

The quality of services will be our highest priority. Integrity and ethics are never compromised.

Teamwork and community involvement are essential to our long-term success.

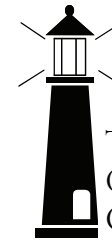
The involvement of clients and their families is essential to providing responsive, accessible, and culturally-competent services.

The staff & Board of Directors of the Guidance Center constitute its human resources. The Center is the sum total of the efforts of these people. The Center can improve and grow as the dedication and talents of its people improve and grow.

*Services are available without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, or ability to pay.*

## ATCHISON ACADEMY

A COOPERATIVE PROGRAM OF



THE  
GUIDANCE  
CENTER

*Promoting healthy communities*

SERVING ATCHISON, JEFFERSON, &  
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# ATCHISON ACADEMY

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The Atchison Academy is a comprehensive academic and mental health program made possible by Atchison Public Schools USD 409 and The Guidance Center. In this program, students requiring specialized mental health services and special education services can continue their education in a supportive environment while having their emotional needs addressed.

## ACADEMY SERVICES

The daily schedule at the Atchison Academy follows a rotation of academic classes and psychosocial activities. Each session lasts 45 minutes and students are separated according to age group and grade level. The 1:4 adult-to-student ratio provides each student with the support needed to succeed.

The academic component of the program is facilitated by special education teachers and paraprofessionals from USD 409. Subjects taught at the Academy meet Kansas graduation requirements at all grade levels.

Psychosocial activities are facilitated by the Academy program manager and case managers. Structured, goal-directed activities are designed to be interactive for participants. The activities are based on the students' needs and are designed to improve interaction at home, school, and in the community.

Bus transportation to and from the Academy is provided by USD 409. Call the school district for additional information. The address and phone number are on the reverse side of this brochure.

The length of stay at the Atchison Academy varies from student to student. Each student's academic and mental health plan is tailored to meet their individual needs. The goal is for each student to return to the regular classroom. The average length of stay is one academic year.

## ACADEMY STAFF

Services at the Academy are provided by special education

teachers and paraprofessionals from USD 409, and mental health staff from The Guidance Center.

## PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

The Academy is available for students in the USD 409 school district who require special education services as determined by an Individual Education Plan (IEP), who have a serious emotional disturbance (SED) as defined by the State of Kansas, and who are referred by USD 409 into the program. This program may also be available for students in Atchison, Jefferson, and Leavenworth Counties who meet this criteria. However, students living outside of this school district must make special arrangements with USD 409.

USD 409 makes the referral for students to the Atchison Academy. If a student is not already receiving services from The Guidance Center, an appointment is made for an initial visit, so that concerns can be noted and paperwork completed. This appointment usually takes place at the Academy or in the Atchison County outpatient office of The Guidance Center.

For more information, contact the Atchison Academy Program Manager or USD 409's Department of Special Education Services.

## ACADEMY FEES

Academic services are provided through USD 409 at no additional cost to the student and his/her family, provided the family lives within the USD 409 school district. Information regarding fees for Guidance Center services is printed to the right.

## ACADEMY HOURS OF OPERATION

The Academy's regular hours of operation follows USD 409's schedule. School hours are 7:30 am to 2:30 pm, Monday through Friday. For students receiving additional mental health services, such as case management, services are scheduled to meet the needs of each individual and family and may include evening or weekend hours.

## GUIDANCE CENTER SERVICE PROVIDERS

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The Guidance Center's services are delivered by a team of mental health professionals crucial to the success of the treatment program. Staff are compassionate and understand the physical and emotional factors that contribute to sound mental health. Skilled professionals on our staff include adult and child psychiatrists, nurse practitioners, clinical social workers, psychologists, certified alcohol/drug counselors, adult & youth case managers, mediators, attendants and parent support workers.

## ACCESSING GUIDANCE CENTER SERVICES

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Services are available for all residents of Atchison, Jefferson, and Leavenworth Counties.

Specialized services for children are available for those youth meeting the criteria for serious emotional disturbance (SED) as defined by the State of Kansas. Specialized services for adults are available for those adults meeting the criteria for severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI) as defined by the State of Kansas.

Appointments can be made over the telephone or by coming in to one of our locations, which ever is more convenient.

## FEES FOR GUIDANCE CENTER SERVICES

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Many health insurance plans include coverage for mental health and substance abuse services. The type and extent of mental health coverage may vary greatly. Our staff will be happy to assist you with contacting your insurance provider to determine if the Center is a provider on your plan.

For those individuals who do not have insurance, fees are adjusted based upon family income and family size, with funding made possible by state and local sources.

The Guidance Center will not deny necessary and appropriate services to anyone based solely on the consumer's inability to pay for those services. Fees charged by the Center may be adjusted or reduced in compliance with K.A.R. 30-60-64. Ask to speak with a Clinic Administrator if your fee presents a hardship for you.