Connections is a voluntary program and referrals are based on parent consent. With the growing need for early intervention programs, Connections was created to detect and confront mental health problems in children and to seek appropriate solutions that help each child reach his or her fullest potential. Connections works with school and medical professionals to identify children in need of services. We match children with community therapists who are trained in evidence-based practices and provide ongoing follow-up to families, referral sources and providers. There is no cost to the program, but providers will bill insurance for therapy if the child has insurance.

**What We Do**

- Work with educators, medical professionals, and others to identify children and families in need of mental health services
- Develop and support a network of mental health providers
- Link children and families to the appropriate mental health and social services at the appropriate time
• Assist families with barriers to accessing therapy
• Evaluate outcomes, ensuring that children and family needs are met and solutions found

**Connections at Project Harmony**

**Refer Child**
- **School staff will:**
  - Complete a referral for Connections
  - Complete pre SDQ

**Meet with Family**
- **Intake/Group Mental Health Coordinator will (7-30 days):**
  - Identify specific needs & family availability
  - Reduce difficulties related to obtaining counseling services (i.e. Transportation, Childcare, Financial Issues).
  - Provide Crisis Management

**Match with Counselor**
- **Intake/Group Mental Health Coordinator will (7-60 days):**
  - Match the child with a counselor who fits the needs & availability of family
  - Connect referral source, counselor & family
  - Ensure match with counselor is successful
  - Transfer to Case Coordination once family is actively engaged

**Support Progress**
- **Case Coordination Mental Health Coordinator will (60+ days):**
  - Continue to reduce difficulties related to counseling needs
  - Follow-up with family, counselor & referral source regularly
  - See case to closure
  - Follow up with school to complete post SDQ