Meet Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health’s Jessica Kurz who is the school-based therapist at Alliance Early Learning and Rockhill Elementary School.

Jessica, who graduated from West Branch High School, went on to earn her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in social work from the University of Akron, where she minored in dance.

Jessica said the best part of her job is, “spending each day with kids and when they recognize the progress they have made.”

**Hobbies:** hanging out with my family, teaching dance, watching sports and spending time outside  
**book:** *Brain on fire*  
**Favorite movies:** Any dance movie or *The Blindside*

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 to 24-years-old

Locations:
Services are offered in homes, schools, C&A’s four Stark County offices, pediatric practices and other community locations throughout Stark County.

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Concerns addressed (include but not limited to):

Anxiety				Oppositional and conduct disorders
Autism Spectrum Disorders	Parent/child relationship issues
Bullying				Psychotic
Court/Legal involvement	School difficulties
Depression/mood disorders	Self-injured behaviors
Disruptive behaviors	Sexual behavioral problems
Divorce, separation and loss	Social/relationship issues
Emotional regulation/anger management	Substance use/abuse
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders	Suicidal ideation (non-crisis)
LGBTQ			Trauma – physical abuse, sexual abuse

bereavement, grief and loss