



Get to know your school-based therapist

Jessica Kurz, MSW, LSW

Meet Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health's Jessica Kurz who is the school-based therapist at Alliance Elementary School and Alliance Early Learning 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 – 24 years old

Locations: Services may be offered in homes, schools, C&A's four Stark County offices, and other community locations throughout Stark County.

Services and Programs Available:

Prevention and Consultation Services	Comprehensive Diagnostic Assessment
Individual and Family Therapy	Trauma Focused CBT
Psychiatric Evaluations and Medication Management	Qualified Mental Health Specialists (QMHS)
Substance Abuse Treatment Services	Peer Mentoring Services
Dialectical Behavior Therapy	Transitional Aged Youth Services
Trauma Informed Day Treatment	MST and MST-PSB
Early Childhood Consultation and Treatment	Parenting Skills Development
Sexually Inappropriate Behavior Remediation	Intensive Home-Based Services

Concerns Addressed (include but are not limited to):

Trauma including physical abuse, sexual abuse, bereavement, grief and loss	
Depression/Mood Disorders	Emotional regulation/anger management
Anxiety	Oppositional and conduct disorders
Substance Use/Abuse/Dependence	Suicidal Ideation
Disruptive behaviors	Self-injury behaviors
Autism Spectrum Disorders	Sexual behavior problems
Psychotic disorders	Court/Legal Involvement
Divorce, separation, and loss	ADHD
Parent/child relationship issues	LGBTQ
Social/relationship issues	Bullying
School difficulties	