



Dear Parent,

You are receiving this letter because your child has been referred by their school counselor to participate in the NEXUS program. The NEXUS program is a partnership between Covington Schools and New Creation Counseling Center, a counseling agency based in Tipp City. The goal of this program is to provide mental health counseling services to students in their schools, so that accessing services is more affordable and convenient for students and their families. Students in the NEXUS program meet regularly with a licensed mental health counselor during school hours to address a wide range of emotional and behavioral issues. Care is taken to minimize students' absences from academic classes.

You will be contacted soon by a New Creation staff member via phone and email. If you are agreeable to your child participating in the NEXUS program, the staff member will assist you in completing our electronic intake paperwork and answer any questions you may have. At the beginning of the counseling process you will also be contacted by your child's mental health counselor. This will give you an opportunity to speak with the counselor, ask questions about the program, and share insight about your child that would be beneficial to the counseling process. Your input is very important to this process and helps identify concerns, establish positive outcomes and support the counseling process.

The goal of Covington Schools and New Creation is to provide affordable services to students. If your student is covered by insurance or Medicaid, we ask that you provide us with this information so that we can bill the insurance or Medicaid company for our services. However it is New Creation's mission to provide counseling regardless of the ability to pay. If your child does not have any insurance, or if you fear that the cost of using your insurance will be too much of a burden, arrangements have been made to provide services to students at no cost. Since the cost of these free services must be subsidized by Covington Schools and New Creation, we ask that if you can use insurance to pay for services that you do so.

If you have any questions about the NEXUS program and your student's participation in this program, or to speak to your student's mental health counselor once they have started the program, please call New Creation Counseling Center at 937-667-4678 and ask for Sarah Chaney. By partnering together, we can work toward giving your child the skills and strategies to meet their mental health needs. We look forward to working with your child!

Sincerely,

Rebecca Gruber, Director

New Creation Counseling Center NEXUS Program