

# CASSP

Child & Adolescent  
Service System Program



A **FREE** service for Lehigh  
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## CASSP Principles

- Child-Centered
- Family-Focused
- Community-Based
- Culturally Competent
- Multi-System

Least Restrictive/Least Intrusive

## What is CASSP?

CASSP is a team approach to helping children and their families. A CASSP Coordinator works with the child and family to build/ pick the team and then helps to coordinate a meeting.

During the meeting the team works together to:

- Identify and build on the child's strengths
- Explore and identify services
- Coordinate services
- Solve problems
- Discuss long-term and short-term goals to meet the child's mental health needs
- Develop a coordinated plan to keep children at home and in their communities

## Who is eligible for CASSP?

Any child from birth to 21 years of age receiving or in need of multiple services.

## Who can request a meeting?

Anyone

Contact Sue Lettera at 610-871-1986 or [susanlettera@lehighcounty.org](mailto:susanlettera@lehighcounty.org)

## Who can be on the CASSP Team?

- The child/adolescent
- Parents/legal or custodial guardian
- Anyone who is a support for the family or child
- Depending on the case: representatives from Early Intervention, Children's Mental Health, Intellectual Disabilities, Office of Children and Youth, and Juvenile Probation
- Representatives from the child's school or Intermediate Unit
- Mental health or other service providers working with the family
- Magellan Behavioral Health

## How long does CASSP last?

A CASSP meeting lasts about one hour. After the first meeting, the CASSP Team will continue to meet *as needed* until the concern/barrier no longer exists.



- Are there a lot of service providers coming in your home?
- Are you running your child to several different places in order to get help?
- Does it seem like the people working with your child are not communicating well with you or each other?
- Is your child struggling to reach his or her full potential due to emotional, mental health, or behavioral issues?

**A CASSP Meeting** may be able to help you and your child.