



CASSP Principles

- Child-Centered
- Family-Focused
- Community-Based
- Culturally Competent
- Multi-System
- Least Restrictive/Least Intrusive

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CASSP

Child & Adolescent
Service System Program
System Coordination Meetings



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- 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.

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- 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 610-782-3201 or 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.