CARES

APPLICATION

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The Comprehensive Adolescent Rehabilitation and Education Service at Mount Sinai St. Luke’s, offers a wide range of services to address issues interfering with optimal functioning for teens and young adults. We provide a full range of targeted and integrated mental health and substance abuse services. Our accomplished clinicians have expertise in the unique developmental needs of adolescents and young adults. Youth interested in CARES will first engage in a comprehensive evaluation. Based on one’s motivation and readiness to make changes in their lives, the most appropriate Level of CARES (PRECARES, CARES Academy, AFTERCARES) will be recommended, and an individualized treatment program will be designed.

**PRECARES**

**WHY:**
Adolescents face various struggles on a day to day basis that manifest in emotional and behavioral difficulties. Often times, adolescents may not know how and where to ask for help.

**WHO:**
Adolescents who may not believe they have a problem, even though others in their lives are telling them so; Alternatively, adolescents who may be starting to acknowledge concerns about problems, and might consider changing, but are wavering or uncertain.

**WHAT:**
PRECARES provides an open, respectful, and safe environment where adolescents can meet supportive staff and engage in discussion about their struggles. Through a combination of therapeutic services, adolescents may increase motivation, raise awareness about themselves, and learn to explore the pros and cons of making change in their lives.

**HOW:**
PRECARES offers a combination of individual, group, family, and/or psychopharmacological therapies that are designed to empower teens to make decisions based on what is best for themselves. These services are based on evidenced-based practices of Motivation Enhancement Techniques (MET) and Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT).

**WHEN:**
1 – 4 sessions per week for 3 – 6 months

**CARES Academy**

**WHY:**
An adolescent’s functioning can be limited by emotional and behavioral difficulties, including emotional distress, impulsivity, drug and alcohol use, and missing school. CARES Academy is for those teens who need both treatment and school in a combined setting.

**WHO:**
Adolescents seeking recovery from interpersonal, emotional, behavioral, substance related, and academic problems; Adolescents who acknowledge concerns about their problems, are considering change, or are committed and planning to make changes in the immediate future.

**WHAT:**
CARES Academy is a safe and therapeutic school for NYC public high school students. It combines a distinct educational environment with intensive psychiatric treatment, and is designed for those teens who require a significant level of structure and skill building to turn their lives around, but who live in their community.

**HOW:**
CARES Academy provides multidisciplinary, daily therapeutic services including individual (2x/wk), group (5x/wk), milieu (daily), family (1x/wk), and pharmacological treatments. Treatment framework is based on the principles of Dialectical Behavior Therapy, and also integrates MET, CBT, Psychodynamic, and Family Systems approaches.

**WHEN:**
5 days per week, 9a – 3:30p, for 6 – 12 months

**AFTERCARES**

**WHY:**
The transition from adolescence to adulthood can be complicated by emotional, behavioral, and family issues. Being a young adult requires balancing responsibilities of self, family, career, and community.

**WHO:**
Adolescents and Young Adults who are actively taking steps to make changes in their lives, or who have achieved their initial goals and are now working to maintain their gains.

**WHAT:**
AfterCARES provides an open, respectful, and safe environment where young adults can develop the skills they need to live a balanced and fulfilling life. Becoming a member of AfterCARES provides access to a range of services, dedicated clinicians, and a network of peers. Young Adults will make strides toward achieving maturity and independence, effectively managing emotions, sustaining healthy relationships, developing a clear sense of self, identifying life goals, and adopting healthy behaviors.

**HOW:**
AfterCARES offers a combination of individual, group, family, and psychopharmacological therapies, as well as peer support and mentoring. These services are based on Motivation Enhancement Techniques and Supportive Psychotherapy.

**WHEN:**
1 – 3 sessions per week, for 3 – 6 months

**PLEASE NOTE:** both “Applicant Form” and “Referral Form” must be completed in full in order to be reviewed.
Dear Applicant,

You are applying for a position in CARES, an alternative high school program that combines regular school classes with instruction groups that teach skills to help manage personal relationships and feelings. We are very interested in hearing about you and why you would like to participate in our program. Please answer the questions below as completely as you can. You may use the back of the form for additional writing space, if needed. We look forward to meeting with you!

APPLICANT NAME: ______________________________

1. WHAT NAME DO YOU PREFER TO BE CALLED? __________________________________________________________

2. HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT CARES? ______________________________________________________________

3. PLEASE WRITE ONE OR TWO PARAGRAPHS TELLING US WHY YOU WANT TO BE IN CARES.

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4. PLEASE TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR INTERESTS AND YOUR PLANS FOR LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL.

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5. LIST THE THREE BIGGEST PROBLEMS THAT HAVE MADE IT HARD FOR YOU TO ATTEND HIGH SCHOOL:

   PROBLEM #1: ______________________________________________________________________________
   PROBLEM #2: ______________________________________________________________________________
   PROBLEM #3: ______________________________________________________________________________

6. HOW DO YOU PLAN TO OVERCOME THESE PROBLEMS SO THAT YOU CAN ATTEND PROGRAM EVERY DAY?

   PROBLEM #1: ______________________________________________________________________________
   PROBLEM #2: ______________________________________________________________________________
   PROBLEM #3: ______________________________________________________________________________

7. ARE THERE ANY ADULTS (FAMILY OR FRIENDS) IN YOUR LIFE NOW WHOM YOU CAN TRUST WHEN YOU NEED HELP?  IF YES, WHO ARE THEY?

   __________________________________________________________________________________________

8. HOW MANY DAYS OF TREATMENT PER WEEK DO YOU THINK YOU NEED IN ORDER TO MEET YOUR GOALS?  (CIRCLE ONE): 1  2  3  4  5

9. CARES APPLICANTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND CLASSES AND TREATMENT GROUPS AT SCHOOL 5 DAYS PER WEEK, AND TO PARTICIPATE IN WEEKLY INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS AND FAMILY MEETINGS. DO YOU AGREE TO FULFILL THIS EXPECTATION?

   (CIRCLE ONE):  YES, I AGREE  OR  NO, I DON'T AGREE

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   STUDENT SIGNATURE: ________________________________  DATE: ________________________________

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CARES APPLICATION: Referral Form

Please note that all items must be completed for this form to be reviewed.

1. Applicant Information
   NAME: ___________________________________________ DATE OF BIRTH: ___/___/___ GENDER:______
   ADDRESS: _______________________________________
   PHONE #: _______________________________________

2. Parent or Legal Guardian
   NAME: ___________________________________________ RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: ________________
   ADDRESS: _______________________________________
   PHONE #: _______________________________________

3. Why do you think this applicant and his or her family is appropriate for CARES?
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4. What has prevented the applicant from successfully attending school/work?
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5. What obstacles might hinder this applicant and family’s ability to participate in treatment?
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6. How might these obstacles be overcome?
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PSYCHIATRIC INFORMATION

7. CURRENT PSYCHOTHERAPIST
   NAME: _____________________________________________________________
   ADDRESS: _________________________________________________________
   PHONE #: ____________________________

8. PSYCHIATRIST OR MEDICATION PRESCRIBER, IF ANY
   NAME: _____________________________________________________________
   ADDRESS: _________________________________________________________
   PHONE #: ____________________________

9. CURRENT MEDICATIONS, IF ANY (NAME, DOSAGE, FREQUENCY)
   A. _________________________________________________________________
   B. _________________________________________________________________
   C. _________________________________________________________________

10. DO YOU CURRENTLY HAVE ANY CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES (ICM, SCM, BCM, WAIVER, HEALTH HOME, PREVENTIVE, etc.)? If so, provide contact info:
   NAME (AGENCY & WORKER): __________________________________________
   ADDRESS: _________________________________________________________
   PHONE #: ____________________________
   TYPE OF SERVICE: __________________________________________________

11. DESCRIBE THE EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS OF THIS APPLICANT, INCLUDING A HISTORY OF PAST TREATMENTS AND DIAGNOSES.

12. DOES THE APPLICANT CURRENTLY USE OR HAVE A HISTORY OF ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG USE? IF SO, PLEASE SPECIFY.

13. DOES THE APPLICANT HAVE A HISTORY OF PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATION OR INPATIENT REHABILITATION? IF SO, PLEASE SPECIFY.

14. HAS APPLICANT EVER HAD NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING/ASSESSMENT? Y/N IF SO, PLEASE ATTACH.
MEDICAL INFORMATION

14. PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER
   NAME: ____________________________________________________________
   ADDRESS: ________________________________________________________
   PHONE #: _________________________________________________________

15. DESCRIBE THE APPLICANT'S MEDICAL PROBLEMS, IF ANY, INCLUDING ANY MEDICATIONS TAKEN.

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   _________________________________________________________________
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16. THE APPLICANT'S LAST PHYSICAL EXAM WAS ON: _____/_____/_____ (MM/DD/YY)

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

17. MOST RECENT SCHOOL
   NAME: ____________________________________________________________
   ADDRESS: ________________________________________________________
   PHONE #: _________________________________________________________

18A. HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED: ____________  18B. HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS EARNED: ________.

19. DOES THE APPLICANT HAVE A HISTORY OF ACADEMIC DIFFICULTIES, INCLUDING LEARNING DISORDERS? IF SO, PLEASE SPECIFY.

   _________________________________________________________________
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20. DOES THE APPLICANT HAVE AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PLAN (I.E.P.) THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION?  _____YES  _____NO

   *IF YES, PLEASE ATTACH.

21. DAYS OF WORK/SCHOOL MISSED IN PAST 6 MONTHS (ESTIMATE # OR %): ________________

   PLEASE INDICATE PRIMARY REASONS FOR MISSING SCHOOL/WORK:
   _______________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________

22. INSURANCE INFORMATION (PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

   MEDICAID?  _____YES  _____NO  MEDICAID # ________________________________
   MEDICAID MANAGED CARE?  _____YES  _____NO  COMPANY ______________________
   OTHER INSURANCE  _____YES  _____NO
   IF YES, WHAT TYPE? ___________________________________________________
   GROUP # ________________________________
   NAME OF PERSON INSURED: ________________________________
   SS # OF PERSON INSURED: ____________-__________-__________
REFERRAL AGREEMENT: PLEASE READ AND THEN SIGN BELOW

I, the undersigned, am referring the applicant described above for consideration by CARES. I understand that this referral must be screened by the CARES Clinical Team prior to any further application procedures, and that both an intake with student and guardian and educational testing must occur before an admission decision is made.

SIGNATURE: ________________________________ DATE: ______________

PRINTED NAME: ___________________________ PHONE #: ____________

TITLE/RELATION TO APPLICANT: ________________________________

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT CARES?
______________________________________________________________

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DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED WITH REFERRAL APPLICATION
The following documents will need to be submitted with the Referral Application:

☐ APPLICANT’S SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS (not needed if student is incoming 9th grader)
  (Report Cards may occasionally be substituted if transcripts prove difficult to obtain)

☐ COPY OF APPLICANT’S INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PLAN (I.E.P.) if applicable

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED AT INTAKE APPOINTMENT
The following documents will need to be brought to the intake appointment in order for an applicant to be fully enrolled in CARES. These documents may be submitted with this application, or brought by the applicant and parent/guardian to the intake evaluation:

☐ COPY OF PARENT’S PHOTO IDENTIFICATION
  (or copy of APPLICANT’S PHOTO IDENTIFICATION if 18 or older)

☐ COPY OF APPLICANT’S BIRTH CERTIFICATE

☐ COPY OF APPLICANT’S SOCIAL SECURITY CARD

☐ APPLICANT’S IMMUNIZATION RECORD

☐ WRITTEN RECORD OF APPLICANT’S PHYSICAL EXAM WITHIN PAST 6 MONTHS; OR
  PROOF OF APPOINTMENT MADE TO OBTAIN PHYSICAL EXAM