MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS GUIDANCE

Linwood School District / Mental Health Crisis Guidance

A Psychiatric emergency/crisis includes any of the following:

- Statements about wanting to die; engaging in talk or actions about activities which could result in serious harm or death
- Statements about wanting to seriously hurt or kill someone else
- Out of control behavior: explosive, aggressive behavior which cannot be controlled and/or refusal to follow rules which poses a safety concern, i.e. running away, destroying property, refusal to attend treatment program

Should a psychiatric emergency arise, your options include:

- Call 911 when there is risk of imminent and serious harm to your child or someone else
- Take your child to the nearest emergency room, or call Police if they are making threats to hurt him/herself, making threats to hurt someone else, or are displaying out of control behavior.
- Contact county PIP Psychiatric Evaluation Screening Services (see below)

PIP- Psychiatric Evaluation Screening/Services

Operates 24-hours a day, 7 Days a week. Provides evaluation and appropriate referral for clients to outpatient mental health services or inpatient treatment. Can provide telephone referral, support and guidance.

Psychiatric Intervention Program (PIP)
Located in the Emergency Center of AtlantiCare
Regional Medical Center
City Campus, Atlantic City
609-344-1118

AIS- Adult Psychiatric Evaluation Screening/Services

Offers comprehensive, short-term behavioral health services to adults who are undergoing significant emotional or psychiatric distress and are in need of immediate intervention. Alternative to emergency room treatment when the adult is not in danger of hurting himself/herself or others.

Adult Intervention Crisis Services (AIS) (For 18 and up only)
Atlanticare Behavioral Health Services
12 N. Hartford Ave, Atlantic City, NJ 08401
866-750-6612

Hotlines:

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-2873, www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org
- NJ Teen Helpline: 1-888-222-2228, www.2ndfloor.org
- Caring Contact: 908-232-2880, www.caringcontact.org
- The Trevor Project: 1-866-4-U-TREVOR, www.thetrevorproject.com
- NJ Mental Health Cares: 1-866-202-4357, www.njmentalhealthcares.org
- NJ Addiction Services Hotline: 1-844-276-2777
- NJ Department of Children & Families: www.state.ni/dcf/families/hotlinesNJ