Student Assistance Program
K-12 in PA

The Pennsylvania Student Assistance Program (SAP) is designed to assist school personnel in identifying issues including alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, and mental health issues which pose a barrier to a student’s success. The primary goal of the Student Assistance Program (SAP) is to help students overcome these barriers in order that they may achieve, remain in school, and advance.

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Our Mission

The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, a regional educational service agency, provides dynamic, visionary leadership, and effective, efficient services for constituent school districts, schools, and students.

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Student Assistance K-12 Program Training Opportunities

Student Assistance K-12
3-Day Certification Training (In Person)
or
6-Half Day Certification Training (Virtual)

This training is to provide new Student Assistance Program team members the certification required by state statute to sit on Student Assistance Program teams, K-12. Student Assistance is a mandated student services program to be offered by all public, charter and cyber schools in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Student Assistance Program provides a systematic way of identifying students that are facing barriers to their learning and is designed to be a collaborative way for parents, students and school staff to work together to minimize or eliminate these barriers to a student’s success. Schools and agencies wishing to add SAP team members should register the new team member to attend this training.

Participants must attend all sessions. Act 48 and a certificate of completion will be issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Education upon completion of requirements.

Leadership Training
1-Day Training

The purpose of this training is to provide school and community leaders with an up-to-date understanding of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Student Assistance Program model and its effective implementation to assist at-risk students in our schools. The training will focus on issues of importance to school district administrators, building principals, assistant principals, school board members and other school staff in leadership roles as well as administrators of SAP-related drug and alcohol and mental health agencies. Participants will receive information on current best practices in SAP, the legal environment in which student assistance operates in Pennsylvania, and strategies for measuring, maintaining, improving, and supporting SAP in their schools.

SAP Update Training
1-Day Training

The purpose of this training is to offer an update of topics that can benefit all previously trained and currently sitting SAP team members. The training will review key competencies and concepts, along with updates in the law and changing trends in intervention and new resources within the local community. This training is designed for individuals who attended SAP Training more than three years ago.

On-site Individualized Team SAP Maintenance Sessions

The purpose of these individualized on-site sessions is to offer a more personalized SAP training for the individual school district, and to help enhance the effectiveness of a district’s teams. These sessions begin with a needs assessment done prior to the training date to help identify the areas of concern or need expressed by the individual team. The SAP trainer will work with the team’s leadership to help determine these priorities and set an agenda. The district will provide the location for this experience on-site, and ensure that their SAP team members are able to attend the full or half-day allotted for this experience. All participants in this training should already be SAP certified, as this is not a training that leads to SAP certification.

Customized Training Opportunities for Groups of 10 or more Participants

For groups of 10 or more participants our trainer can provide on-site SAP-related topics or topic specific trainings. You provide the dates, topics, location, and materials. Fee to be determined based on length of training and number of participants. Please contact Jean (610-755-9331 | jmiksch@mciu.org) to learn more today!