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## **The GNA SAP Team** **Contact Information**



If you are interested in receiving help for your child, call your child's school and ask to speak with a member of the SAP team.

K.M. Smith Elementary (570) 735-3740

Kennedy Elementary : (570) 735-6450

Elementary Center : (570) 735-1320



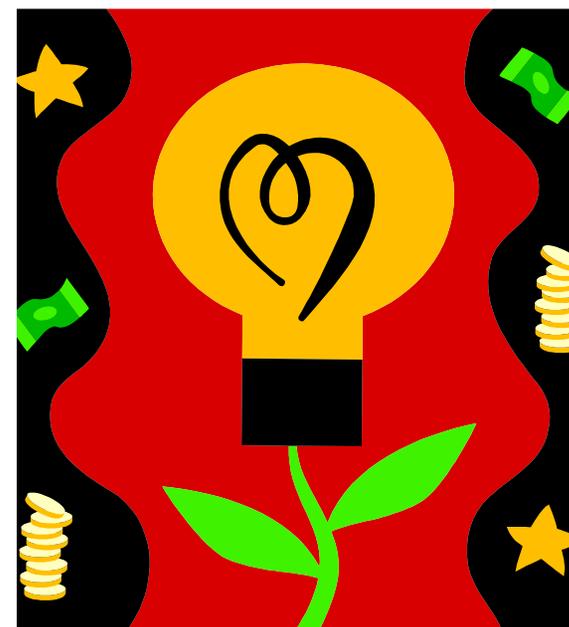
## **GNA SAP Members** **Grades K-2**

- **Mr. Gorham**, Kennedy Elementary/  
K.M.Smith Principal
- **Dr. Brill**, School Psychologist
- **Ms. Perhacs**, School Counselor
- **Ms. Dembowski**, Elementary Teacher
- **Mrs. Huber**, Elementary Teacher
- **Mrs. Mendrzycki**, Elementary Teacher
- **Mrs. Litchkofski**, Special Education Teacher
- **Mrs. Richards**, CSBBH Team Member
- **Community Service Liaisons**

## **Student Assistance Program** ***A Guide for Parents and Families***



**Greater Nanticoke Area  
School District**



**The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Departments of  
Education, Health, and Public  
Welfare**

## Is your child demonstrating any of these behaviors??

- ⇒ Defying Authority at home and/or school
- ⇒ Aggressive behavior
- ⇒ Lying
- ⇒ Sudden decrease in grades/ quality of work
- ⇒ Cheating
- ⇒ Fear/Anxiety
- ⇒ Irritability
- ⇒ Unexplained physical injuries
- ⇒ Depressed
- ⇒ Talking about suicide
- ⇒ Withdrawing from family, friends, and/or school

## Are you concerned about your child's reaction to:

- ⇒ Recent death of a loved one
- ⇒ Divorce of parents
- ⇒ Family relocation
- ⇒ Other traumatic event(s)

## What is the Student Assistance Program?

- ◇ In PA, every school district is required to have a plan for identifying and assisting students who experience “barriers to learning”.
- ◇ The SAP team, made up of school staff and community liaisons, is available to help you access school and community services for your child.
- ◇ We do NOT diagnose or treat your child. Rather, we will provide you with information; you make the choices.
- ◇ You are a part of our team. Our goal is to help your child succeed in school.

## How does my child become involved in the program?

- \* Teacher referral
- \* Any school staff member referral
- \* Friend/Family member referral
- \* Student /Peer referral



## What steps do I take once my child has been referred to the program?

1. Know that your child was referred because someone is concerned about observable changes they are seeing in your child.
2. The SAP team will request that you sign a permission form for your child to become involved in the program.
3. If you feel you need more information before making a decision, please let your SAP team know by calling the school.
4. If you do not sign the permission form, the SAP team will not become involved.
5. Once you sign the permission form, the SAP team will collaborate with you and provide suggestions to help your child with his/her struggles.