

Newton Public Schools
Stabilization Programs K-12

The stabilization programs provide a therapeutic milieu to students in need of an alternative education setting. The programs enable students to continue to access general education curriculum and receive services identified in their Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), while addressing student needs arising from a variety of circumstances. The following are examples of when the provision of additional treatment supports via the stabilization programs may be appropriate:

- Respite from the traditional school setting while a functional behavior assessment (FBA) is conducted and a behavior intervention plan (BIP) is developed;
- Sudden/traumatic change in family unit;
- School refusal and significant school anxiety;
- Post-hospitalization step-down programming;
- Pre-hospitalization step-up programming when hospital space is not available;
- Provision of a smaller clinical setting to generate data and feedback during a medication change or trial;
- A highly supportive setting during diagnostic testing; and
- A closely monitored environment to provide neuropsychological consultation.

Stabilization program staff provide consultation to school teams on an on-going basis. Consultation is provided to assist school teams in applying strategies proven successful in smaller settings and implementing these approaches in the larger school setting.

For more information on the Elementary Stabilization Program (ESP) located at the Franklin School, contact Maura Tynes at 617-559-6035.

For more information on the Middle School Stabilization Program (MSP) located at the Education Center, or the High School Stabilization Program (HSP) located at Newton South High School, please contact Paula Black at 617-559-6025.

