WHO WE ARE

At the National Youth Advocate Program (NYAP), we provide an array of community-based services for children, youth, and families. We have a non-negotiable commitment to helping youth and their families achieve their best. We embrace an abiding belief that every person has an innate ability to learn, grow, and flourish. Through our innovative programs and services, we provide needed options and resources to youth, families, and our system partners.

OUR MISSION

NYAP is an energetic instrument of compassion and change in the lives of children, youth, and families and the systems, structures, and practices that affect them.

Together, we are building a national network of caring professionals committed to creating a more fair, equitable, and just world. Stay connected via social media or find your local NYAP office today at: www.nyap.org/nyap-locations/



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NATIONAL YOUTH ADVOCATE PROGRAM

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Connecting Communities
Promoting Peace

STUDENT TREATMENT ADVOCACY RESOURCES (STAR)

SUPPORTING STUDENT WELL-BEING WHERE IT MATTERS MOST

At the National Youth Advocate Program (NYAP), we believe that early identification and intervention are vital when a child or youth begins to face emotional, behavioral, or mental health challenges, whether at school, at home, or in the community. While family is central to a young person's development, school is also a key environment for growth, learning, and connection.

That's why we created Student Treatment Advocacy Resources (STAR) - a school-based mental health program designed to provide students with flexible, consistent access to therapeutic support.

WHAT WE OFFER

Our school-based treatment services bridge the gap between academic success and emotional well-being. By embedding our clinicians within schools, we work with school employees and families to deliver comprehensive, trauma-forward care that strengthens students' mental health and ability to thrive within the school environment. Our services include, but are not limited to:

- Individual & group therapy
- Crisis intervention
- On-site & in-home services, as needed
- One-on-one classroom behavioral support
- Collaboration with school employees & families to meet each student's unique needs
- Medication management
- Case management



WHO STAR SERVES

STAR is available to children and youth enrolled in public and private schools from Pre-K through 12th grade, as well as young adults completing alternative education programs. Our school-based program helps students and families who are navigating challenges in school, at home, or in the broader community.

FLEXIBLE, INDIVIDUALIZED CARE

The length of our services varies depending on each student's needs and treatment goals. Some students meet their goals within six months, while others benefit from longer-term support. Our school-based team meets youth and families where they are to help them identify strengths and overcome challenges.



WHY STAR STANDS OUT

Unlike many other school-based mental health programs, our STAR clinicians are full-time professionals based out of the schools we serve. This allows our therapists to build consistent, trusted relationships with students, families, and educators.

Our support extends beyond the classroom, providing services during the school day, in students' homes, and throughout the community, even during scheduled school breaks. Our services are reimbursed through Medicaid, private insurance, or self-pay, ensuring there is no cost to the school.