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Patricia Hawley  
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January 19, 2016

Dear Ms. Hawley,

In an effort to collectively ensure continuation of care between providers and in the best interest of the clients, Barber National Institute wishes to create an agreement with Warren County School District. Please find a description of the Children's Acute Partial Hospitalization Program below.

Barber National Institute's Acute Partial Hospitalization Program (APHP) provides six hours of clinical service per day, five days per week, over a treatment period of 15 days, with an additional hour of academic work each day. Each treatment plan combines group lessons with individualized goals and objectives to help ensure safety, encourage stabilization, manage emotions, develop coping skills and strategies, address trauma and loss issues, improve peer interactions, enhance relationship building skills, use appropriate social behaviors, and many more skills/strategies for each individual.

The program addresses the needs of children and adolescents ages 4-18, and 18-21 when enrolled in Special Education, with a qualifying mental health diagnosis. A separate specialized room to serve children/adolescents with an Autism Spectrum Diagnosis and/or Mild to Moderate Intellectual Disability is offered. Each client will work within a classroom of peers with a team comprised of a Master's level clinician and a Bachelor's level worker. In addition, individual and family therapy sessions are conducted on an as needed basis at the facility, as well as in the home during times which are convenient for the family. Therapists are trained in specific models such as Structural Family Therapy, Social Thinking, and Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy to help strengthen relationships and family dynamics for these individuals and their families.

Please take a moment to review the agreement. Following your review, we ask that you sign the agreement and return one signed original agreements to us, keeping one for your files.

We are looking forward to the continued successful collaboration of services with you so that together we may further help the children and adolescents that we serve. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Maura McLaughlin*

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## LINKAGE OF AGREEMENT

**DR. GERTRUDE A. BARBER CENTER, INC.**

**d.b.a. BARBER NATIONAL INSTITUTE**

**AND**

**WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

wish to cooperatively ensure continuation of service appropriate to the needs of clients in the respective programs.

**Whereas**, Warren County School District is an organization that provides Education and the Children's Acute Partial Hospitalization Program of the Dr. Gertrude A. Barber Center, Inc. d.b.a. Barber National Institute provides Mental Health and Education, coordination of services is necessary to ensure comprehensive care. Therefore, the before named parties agree to the following:

**1. Referrals:**

Either party may make referrals to the other for services provided by the respective parties. Referrals shall be subject to the admission guidelines/policies/procedures of each organization.

**2. Documentation:**

Each organization will maintain client records as applicable to their respective organization. Consultation activities will be the responsibility of each organization per internal guidelines.

**3. Transfer of Information:**

The transfer of information needed to provide adequate referral and service provision of mutual clients will be in accordance with applicable confidentiality guidelines/regulations of both facilities. In cases where applicable, the initiating organization shall be responsible in obtaining all necessary consents/releases from the client for release of information to and from the other organization.

**4. Financial Arrangements:**

Charges for services performed by either organization shall be collected by the organization rendering each service directly from the client/payee with one exception. Charges for academic services delivered by the Barber National Institute will be the responsibility of a referring School District or Intermediate Unit and will be billed at a rate of \$75.00 per hour.

**5. Autonomy:**

Nothing in this agreement shall in any way alter the freedom enjoyed by either organization, nor shall it in any way affect the independent operations of either organization. Either party is privileged at all times to affiliate or contract with any other institution for needed services.

**6. Non-Discrimination Policy:**

Both organizations will accept all referrals without regard to age, race, color, religious creed, national origin, ancestry, limited English proficiency, sex, sexual orientation, or disability (within the parameters of the organizations' ability to accommodate).

**7. Modifications:**

This agreement may be modified or amended by agreement of both parties, provided, however, that no modification or amendment shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties hereto.

This agreement shall remain in effect for five years, unless either party requests a revision prior to the indicated expiration date. Either party may withdraw from the agreement on thirty days written notice.

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John Barber, President and CEO  
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Patricia Hawley  
Director of Pupil Services

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