

Informed Consent
South Shore Educational Collaborative/Pathways

Pathways is a project made possible by grants from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Education. Pathways provides an easier way for families to obtain services for their children, a computerized tracking system of children's progress and technical assistance to schools. The goal of Pathways is to identify children who need services, and help families find those services for their children as easily as possible.

Pathways is evaluating the usefulness of a **Common Intake Form** in obtaining community and mental health services outside of the school. Completion of this form will provide basic information about your child and his/her needs. The information on this Common Intake Form will be entered into the Pathways database and will be accepted by the agencies participating in Pathways (see detailed list). Services from these agencies will be based on availability and/or eligibility. The Common Intake Form does not replace agency specific applications or forms necessary, but does fulfill the requirement of INTAKE.

Once you complete this form, the Resource Specialist in Pathways, **Janet Furnari**, will be available via phone and/or email to assist YOU in obtaining services for your child: jFurnari@ssec.org or **781-749-5386 x 174**. Janet will call you on a monthly basis to monitor the status of services you requested for your child. Through the tracking and monitoring of services, we hope to improve the responsiveness of the human service delivery system, and to help YOU find services for your child.

Children's Protections

Rigorous procedures will be followed to ensure that the confidentiality of parents/care givers and their children are protected. Signed consent forms will be stored under lock and key and no names or other identifying information will be included in reports. Parents are free to withdraw their consent and/or to deny answers to specific questions on the Common Intake Form. The community-based providers realize the obligations of school personnel to prohibit access to students and student record information except as allowed under MA General Law Chapter 71 Section 34

Further information can be obtained from the Program Director, Deborah Jean Parsons at 781-749-5386 x 173 or at dParsons@ssec.org.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE AND WILLINGLY CONSENT TO ALLOW PATHWAYS TO MONITOR THE SERVICE DELIVERY FOR MY CHILD. I UNDERSTAND THAT I CAN WITHDRAW MY CONSENT AT ANY TIME WITH NO PENALTY.

Name of Child (please print)

Signature of Parent

Date

Signature of Witness