



Integrated Services of Kalamazoo



SCHOOL-BASED PREVENTION



ISK School-Based clinicians work with local school staff and families to help identify youth with behavioral, emotional, or substance use challenges, and/or developmental disabilities. They assist families in connecting to needed services and provide consultation for planning with the student and family. Examples include linking to community referrals, conducting brief assessments/interventions, and helping to develop individualized in-school support plans.

Program Information

ISK and the School-Based Prevention team have been partnering with public school districts in Kalamazoo County for over 20 years. School-Based staff are presently supporting ten different school districts, encompassing a total of seventy buildings.

Districts Served

Kalamazoo Public Schools	Comstock Schools
Portage Public Schools	Parchment Schools
Gull Lake Community Schools	Climax-Scotts Community Schools
Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools	Vicksburg Community Schools
Schoolcraft Community Schools	Valley Center (KRESA)

Meet The Team

Lauren Cooper - Director	Senita Reynolds
Lisa Baptise - Supervisor	Meghan Kennedy
Morgan Roesler	MiKayla Davis - Intern

Groups being facilitated in schools by the School-Based team

- Executive Functioning- 250 6th grade students at Gull Lake Middle School
- Self-Esteem (two groups)- 8-11 students in Portage Middle Schools
- Emotion Regulation- 5-8 students in a classroom at Valley Center
- Friendship Group (two groups)- 2-4 students at Parchment North Elementary

Caseloads

The School-Based team has a total of 280 assigned cases, with School-Based being primary on 193.

<u>Staff</u>	<u>Total Assigned Cases</u>	<u>Primary Cases</u>
Lisa Baptiste	119	85
Meghan Kennedy	58	37
Morgan Roesler	79	63
Senita Reynolds	6	5
MiKayla Davis	6	5

What our staff enjoys most about the school-based program and/or team:

Senita: I enjoy the camaraderie among the team members, our open communication, and the willingness to support each other and others.

Meghan: I enjoy that we are constantly adapting, changing, and no day is the same. We are truly a bridge between ISK services and the frontline of the schools. Youth and their families often rely on the schools to offer a multitude of supports... so it is essential to come together as a community to help with as much prevention services as we can.

Morgan: My favorite thing about the program is we get to go directly into the schools and assist staff and kids.

What prevention means to our team:

Senita: To me, prevention means the ability and willingness to promote knowledge and growth for the betterment of our families and community.

Meghan: Prevention means meeting the community where they are at. There is no one definition of prevention as it looks different at each one of our buildings. Prevention means we think outside the box, if we don't have a solution, we work hard to find one. Prevention means acknowledging the gaps in services and trying to fill those to the best of our ability.

Morgan: To me prevention means meeting with and supporting the families that need guidance to take the first step towards their mental health challenges.

In 2024 Lauren and Lisa focused on collaboration and gathering input from districts. Lauren and Lisa met with Superintendents and other identified leaders to discuss our services, needs from each district, and continued ways to strengthen partnership. Lauren and Lisa were able to meet with all districts except Climax Scotts and Schoolcraft. We will continue to highlight on focus on the remaining districts in Spring 2025.

