



## Referral Pathways Protocol for Mental Health Supports

Based on the Now is the Time Technical Assistance Center (NITT-TA) comprehensive *School Mental Health Referral Pathways (SMHRP) Toolkit*, Project AWARE Ohio compiled a seven-step protocol for interested stakeholders who want to establish a mental health referral pathway within their local communities. This protocol was developed by condensing information from the *SMHRP Toolkit* into an easy-to-use seven-step checklist. This protocol is intended to provide a general overview of the steps to consider in establishing a referral pathway for behavioral and mental health issues. This protocol should be considered a basic introductory overview that condenses the information provided in the *SMHRP Toolkit* into simple steps for practitioners that are easy to understand, rather than a complete guide for establishing a mental health referral pathway. Please refer to the original *SMHRP Toolkit* for a thorough discussion of the practices recommended by SAMSHA and NITT-TA when establishing a mental health referral pathway.

The entire 130-page document is available at the following webpage:  
<http://files.ctctcdn.com/bde05f96001/84fa3636-08af-43fc-aeaf-a016f2aa68a6.pdf>

## Additional Information and Resources from Project AWARE Ohio

Information about Project AWARE Ohio:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/School-Safety/Building-Better-Learning-Environments/PBIS-Resources/Project-AWARE-Ohio>

Project AWARE Ohio statewide resources (Ohio Department of Education):

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/School-Safety/Building-Better-Learning-Environments/PBIS-Resources/Project-AWARE-Ohio/Project-AWARE-Ohio-Statewide-Resources>

Project AWARE Ohio statewide resources

(Center for School-Based Mental Health Programs and the Ohio Mental Health Network for School Success):

<http://resources.oberlinkconsulting.com/>  
<http://continuum.oberlinkconsulting.com/>  
<http://poe.oberlinkconsulting.com/>

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