Non-Public School Placements

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Presentation Topics

- Continuum of Options
- Types of Placements and Process
 - Behavior
 - Mental Health
 - Severe Disabilities
- Transition Back to District
- Logistics (Student Count, Cost)



Continuum of Placement Options Requirement

- Must provide a continuum of special education services to meet needs
- Must be in the Least Restrictive Environment as possible
- Sample of Options...General Education/Pull-out and Push-in Services/Self-contained classroom/NPS



Support Provided Prior to NPS Placement for Behavior

- Behavioral Goals /Training for Staff
- Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA)
- ❖ Behavioral Intervention Plan (BIP)
- Instructional Accommodations
- Service Minutes Review
- Special Circumstances Instructional Assistant (SCIA)



Support Provided Prior to NPS Placement for Mental Health

- Consult with ERMHS Provider
- Collaborate with Agency Providers
- Consider Wrap Around Services
- Instructional Accommodations Review
- Service Minutes Review
- Crisis Intervention Plan



Considerations Prior to NPS Placement for Severe Disabilities

- Visual/Hearing Impairment
- Alternative Access to Communication and Learning
- Do we have a program that can serve all these needs?



Transition Back to District

- Regular connection with NPS to review plan and progress
- Annual IEP to discuss progress
- Transition Plan
- Therapeutic system of care
- Staff training
- Collaborate with parents



Non-Public Schools Placements 2019-2020

27 NPS Placements

❖ Total Cost \$2,455,616

❖ Average Cost - \$91,000



Non-Public School Placements 2018-2019

2018-2019

Number of Placements: 24

Total Cost: \$1,727,558

Average Cost: 71,982



Questions?

Thank you.

