



FAQ: **Student Health & Safety Assessment**

My child has been referred for a safety assessment. What does that mean?

If the school staff is concerned about your child's safety and well-being, they may refer your child for a safety assessment. This involves meeting with a licensed therapist to evaluate your child's personal safety, or safety with others. You and your child will be asked questions about how they are currently thinking and feeling, as well as recent behavior. Background information will also be gathered to put the current concerns in context.

If my child needs a safety assessment, where can I go?

There are a number of resources available. One of these resources is Family Service Center of Wilmette, Glenview, Northbrook and Kenilworth. FSC has licensed therapists who can typically meet with your child within 24 hours. Frequently, a therapist is available within 2 – 3 hours. All assessments and sessions are confidential.

What is the cost?

FSC offers a sliding scale that can be as low as \$30 per hour with demonstrated financial need. The maximum fee per hour is \$185. FSC accepts all forms of insurance with the exception of Medicaid programs.

What happens after the safety assessment?

The therapist will determine the type of care your child needs and discuss it with you. The therapist may recommend a variety of treatment options, ranging from counseling sessions, outpatient treatment, or intensive outpatient treatment, to partial hospitalization, or inpatient treatment. If the therapist determines that your child needs immediate hospitalization or a very high level of care, FSC will support you and assist in facilitating the placement.

How do I make an appointment for a safety assessment?

An appointment may be scheduled by calling the FSC office at 847-251-7350. An intake coordinator is available during business hours. A confidential, dedicated intake line is available outside of office hours. Calls for assessments may be made Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 am and 7:00 pm. Calls placed after 7:00 pm will be retrieved the following business day. Safety assessments may not be available on weekends.

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