The Hammitt Junior Senior High School Clinical Team

The Hammitt Junior Senior High School (HJSHS) clinical team is an integral part of the school and plays many roles to support and nurture children. Clinical staff provide counseling, crisis intervention, and other therapeutic support to students and families served through the program. Clinical staff work from a trauma informed model, including Conscious Discipline, Love and Logic, and Trust Based Relational Intervention. Throughout the school day, counselors meet with students one-on-one providing support regarding the student’s stressors and skill deficits. Counselors build on the student’s strengths and provide opportunities to develop coping skills, emotional regulation and problem solving skills.

Counselors provide therapeutic groups throughout the school year to target various therapeutic needs. These groups aim to build success for the students in the school, at home with family, and in community environments by addressing areas of self-regulation, empowerment, life skills, and social skills.

The clinical staff members provide clinical consultation and crisis response to assist HJSHS staff. Counselors collaborate with classrooms to develop and implement behavior intervention strategies consistent with the social learning model of the program. Counselors assist families in understanding and navigating the Individual Educational Plan (IEP) process, while connecting the social-emotional and academic components to meet the student’s educational needs. Clinical staff members also provide assistance to staff by providing a broader view, through a trauma informed perspective, of student’s behaviors in the classroom and the connection to the home environment as well previous traumatic experiences. Case management services are provided to support families and collaborate with community entities including physician offices.