

# Linkages to Learning at Silver Spring International Middle School



**Linkages to Learning** is a school-based collaboration among the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, the Montgomery County Public Schools and non-profit, community based service providers. The program provides accessible services to at-risk children and their families to improve adjustment to and performance in school, home, and community. Prevention and early intervention services include health, mental health, social services and educational support.

**Our Mission** is to improve the well-being of children and their families through a collaborative delivery of school-based services that address the social, economic, health, and emotional issues that interfere with the academic success of a child.

Here at SSIMS, we offer...

## Family Case Management Services

- Assistance accessing resources to meet basic needs within the household (e.g. county health & human services, housing, food, clothing, domestic abuse)
- Offer support for student's education & parent advocacy in education system
- Assistance accessing adult education and continuing education

## Community-School Coordination

- Organize presentations, workshops, and programs for parents, students, and/or families using community resources to serve the needs expressed by our clients (e.g. Sexual Education, Self-Esteem & Leadership, Starting your own Business, Parent Support Groups)
- Summer Camps and other recreational opportunities

## Child and Family Therapy Services

- Family therapy to resolve issues within the household and to improve family relationships
- Individual therapy to help resolve issues relating to social or educational needs and improve well-being
- Group therapy to target a group of students' specific needs (ex: regulate and manage emotions, ability to work with others)
- Provide space for a student to express feelings and an ear to listen

