

BAKER ACT

*Back to School,
Now What?*



Disclosure, what is it and do I have to do it?

An important decision students and their families face after a Baker Act is whether or not to disclose their mental health diagnosis and/or crisis experience with officials at the child's school. Disclosure is a very personal choice and should definitely be an informed choice. There are no requirements that you disclose your disability/mental health status to anyone at any time, but if you choose to do so it can help expedite supports and open the dialogue for further assistance at school.

PROS

Support for the Student & Family
Services in School
Recovery

CONS

Continued Isolation
Rehospitalizations
Stigma or Unfair Judgments

Support and Resources in Broward County Public Schools

SEDNET

www.sednetfl.info

At discharge, the facility may generate a SEDNET referral to possibly expedite supports at your school. If you would like more information, please contact SEDNET at 754-321-3421

BCPS Mental Health Portal

RESOURCES TO TURN ILLNESS INTO WELLNESS

www.bcps-mentalhealth.com

Broward County Public School's Departments that can support you and your child after discharge from the hospital, transition back to school and post support in school.

Additional Resources

2-1-1 Broward: Behavioral Health Resources

www.211-broward.org/service/behavioral-health

24-Hour Helpline: Dial 2-1-1 or 954-537-0211

Family Network on Disability Parent Education Network

www.fndusa.org