

## Students Likely To Benefit from ERMHS

- ◇ Present with social-emotional or behavioral characteristics impeding their ability to benefit from their educational services
- ◇ Demonstrate internal or external behaviors linked to a mental health need
- ◇ Have on-going needs that have not responded to lower levels of intervention (Tier I and Tier II)
- ◇ Have a need that is not associated with a condition that is a temporary adjustment problem that can be resolved with less than 3 months of school counseling
- ◇ Demonstrate a level of functioning (including cognitive) that is sufficient to benefit from ERMHS
- ◇ Have an IEP team that has met and determined the above criteria are met
- ◇ Parent or caregiver has consented to an ERMHS assessment



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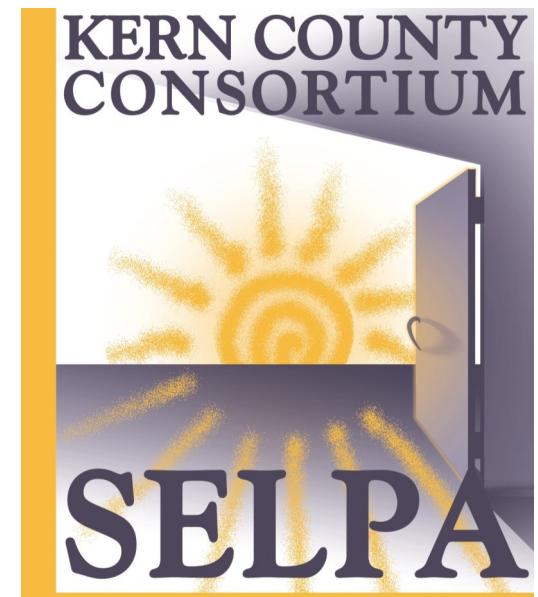
## *ERMHS Educationally- Related Mental Health Services*

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## What is ERMHS?

Educationally-Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) are specific mental health services provided to students who qualify for special education services, present with social-emotional needs that have not responded to lower levels of intervention, and impact their ability to learn or benefit from their special education program.

ERMHS are tailored to specific student needs and IEP goals. Services may include counseling (individual, group, parent, family) and social work services (collaboration and case management).



## The Process for ERMHS

To refer a student for an ERMHS assessment, the IEP team must meet, discuss the student's suspected need and impact on the education, explore what has previously been attempted (Tier I and Tier II) and the student's response. The discussion and recommendation for an ERMHS assessment should be documented in the meeting's notes, parent/caregiver consent for an assessment obtained, and a referral packet submitted through the ERMHS Website.

The assessment may include observations of the student; interviews with the student, family, and school staff; records review, and testing.

Completed assessments, and any proposed goals and services, are shared with the IEP team for discussion and decisions about services.

## Our Providers

Kern County Consortium SELPA has a mental health program through the Kern County Superintendent of Schools and Clinica Sierra Vista for specific geographic zones.



ERMHS clinicians are registered or licensed with the Board of Behavioral Science; have Masters level (or above) education in counseling, psychology, or social work; and work within the scope of their profession.

For more information on services please contact the Behavioral Health Coordinator or geographical provider:

Clinica Sierra Vista (661) 397-8775  
East Kern (661) 824-2763  
Kern County SELPA MH (661) 852-6536