



TCHATT
Texas Child Health Access
Through Telemedicine

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What is TCHATT?

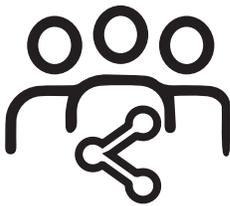
Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine, or TCHATT, creates legislatively funded telemedicine programs for identifying and assessing mental health needs and providing access to mental health services in schools. It provides telemedicine or telehealth programs to help school districts identify and assess the behavioral health needs of children and adolescents, and provide access to mental health services. TCHATT is available through a partnership between the UNTHSC and JPS.

When to use TCHATT

Call TCHATT any time behaviors are seen or reported that have you concerned for a student's mental health.

How to use TCHATT

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Share your concern with your school's designated TCHATT liaison, or refer the student to your school's designated TCHATT liaison

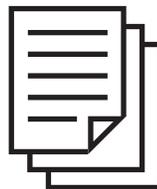
The school TCHATT liaison will ensure required consent forms have been signed by the appropriate party (i.e., student, parent, guardian). If the parent/guardian agrees to TCHATT, the liaison will collect some basic information to share with TCHATT.

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The school TCHATT liaison then calls TCHATT

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Designated TCHATT Liaison

Your school campus will designate a single referral coordinator, with a designated alternate, to handle all referrals to TCHATT.

The student's parent/guardian must give consent for the student to participate in the session with a TCHATT mental health specialist.

JPS team members can schedule up to four appointments with a TCHATT mental health specialist via a telehealth platform.



When a Student is in Crisis

Providers will work with your school to create a crisis protocol that meets the needs of both TCHATT and your district safety plan.

When the School TCHATT Liaison Calls TCHATT

A coordinator at TCHATT promptly reviews the referral information that you provide to help decide next steps, including:

- For urgent issues, further screening via telemedicine will be scheduled with the most appropriate TCHATT mental health specialist.
- For less urgent issues, we will schedule an assessment of the mental health needs.

TCHATT staff may refer the student to:

- A local pediatric psychiatrist or other mental health professional
- A local pediatrician with support from pediatric psychiatry faculty

To join TCHATT, please call us at 817-702-9401. Our next steps will include gathering point of contact information and signing a Memo of Understanding.

