



Group Counseling & Conflict Resolution Referral Process

Group counseling & conflict resolution referrals can be made via this [Google Form](#). Students may be referred for swiftly and effectively addressing conflicts in the school community and also for group-oriented and developmentally appropriate social-emotional support. The focus of these processes is two-fold: to empower students to respond and take action when conflicts arise, and to allow space for students to actively enhance their Montessori experience through positive behavioral interventions and support. Referrals for one-on-one counseling are done via a different form and process.

** Students referred for counseling and conflict resolution services will be prioritized based on scheduling availability and level of need at the time of referral.*

Once a referral is received:

- Referring staff person(s) will be notified via email that the referral was received.
- Counselor will connect with the referral source to discuss the nature of the referral when convenient for referring staff person(s).
- Staff and counselor will discuss a plan for the most suitable approach for group counseling and conflict resolution needs.
- An initial meeting with the counselor and student(s) will be arranged to start the process and when convenient for the classroom schedule.
- If ongoing support is requested, staff will then discuss the best days and times for counseling meetings based on the referral form.
- Collaboration with other support staff will occur as needed and in the best interest of the student(s) and classroom community.
- Regular communication with teachers and staff will occur while group counseling and conflict resolution services are in place and ongoing.
- To the extent possible, all efforts will be made to ensure students DO NOT miss needed learning time.