Nicole Brush, MA, NCC, LPC

Licensed Professional Counselor

As a Licensed Professional Counselor, I believe in providing a safe, non-judgmental, and empathic environment for all individuals. I value being able to sit with my clients through their difficulties and offer guidance and clarity into their concerns. I incorporate Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Existentialism, Gestalt Therapy, Person-Centered, and a humanistic approach based on individual needs. I attended Marywood University where I earned a master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. I have counseling experience in many realms including outpatient, inpatient, school based behavioral health, and nonprofit organizations. I have experience working with individuals of all age ranges and concerns.

Samantha Valente, MS, NCC, LPC

Counseling has always been a passion of mine and I am thrilled to be one of the licensed professional counselors at Riverside School District. I received a Bachelor in Science degree in psychology from East Stroudsburg University, in addition to a master’s degree in school counseling from Marywood University. After completing my master’s degree, I worked as a therapist in a school based program for two years while earning my licensure as a professional counselor. I am excited to work with the students and families at Riverside and look forward to meeting all of you.

Tina Wydeen, PhD, LCSW, CADC, CCDP

Working in the field of behavioral health for over 40 years in various capacities including medical social work, community mental health, home health, and managed care, it is a privilege to return as a Riverside alumnus to assist the district in realizing their goal of improving access to mental health services for their students and families. After receiving my Masters of Social Work from Marywood University and subsequent clinical licensure, additional certifications through the PA Certification Board included Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor/Co-Occurring Diplomat Professional.

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Shannon Wells, MA, NCC, LPC

When thinking about health, oftentimes we only consider physical health. However, an overall healthy person encompasses much more than that, including but not limited to: mental, social, and emotional wellbeing. My goal in working with the students of Riverside School District is to help them establish a sense of overall wellbeing, fulfilling those other areas of health that tend to get overlooked but are so important. I previously worked as a Mobile Therapist in a Community and School-Based Behavioral Health program for 5 years prior to taking on my current role at Riverside East Elementary. I also have experience working in the outpatient and residential settings. I received a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Kutztown University and a master’s degree in clinical mental health counseling from Marywood University. I am always looking to learn more and stay up-to-date on topics in the field in order to better myself as a counselor. I hope to provide an empathetic, supportive, and welcoming space to the students I serve so that they are able to effectively work through any challenges they may be having.