



**INDIAN RIVERS
MENTAL HEALTH CENTER**

Children's Admission Criteria for Intake Evaluations and Services:

- The child must be between the ages of 5 and 17 and reside in Tuscaloosa, Bibb, or Pickens County.
- The **LEGAL** parent/guardian must be present to consent to treatment during the initial intake process, as well as any appointments with the psychiatrist, Dr. Galioto.
 - If the child is in the custody of someone other than his or her biological parent, court documentation (verifying legal custody) must be received prior to intake.
 - A child age 14 or above may seek services without the consent of a parent or guardian; **however, the details of the request will be staffed with the Manager of Children's Services for final approval before an intake will be completed.**
- We accept most insurance plans, including the following:
 - Medicaid
 - All Kids
 - BCBS (State, Federal, and Teachers)
 - Cigna
 - Phifer Wire
 - Mercedes
 - United Health Care

*** Please advise anyone you are referring for services to contact their insurance provider to verify Behavioral Health Benefits coverage, as some insurance will cover other agencies, but not Indian Rivers.**
- Intakes are completed each weekday from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. The following items are needed to complete the intake process:
 - Legal parent/guardian
 - Child needing services
 - Insurance card
 - Birth certificate
 - Social Security card
 - Any medications the child is currently taking
 - Any relevant court, school, or medical documents
- Once the intake is completed and it is determined services are needed, the child will be scheduled to see a therapist and/or the psychiatrist. Please note the intake is an "information gathering" session to obtain history and develop a plan to meet treatment needs. The child will not be seen for a therapy session or by the psychiatrist the same day.