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**SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT REGARDING PRACTICE  
AUTHORITY FOR SCHOOL COUNSELORS**

This substantive policy statement is advisory only. A substantive policy statement does not include internal procedural documents that only affect the internal procedure of the agency and does not impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties or include confidential information or rules made in accordance with the Arizona Administrative Procedure Act. If you believe that this substantive policy statement does impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties, you may petition the agency under A.R.S. §41-1033 for a review of the statement.

A.R.S. §32-3251(6) provides that the “practice of professional counseling” includes the use of psychotherapy to diagnose, evaluate and treat individuals, couples, families and groups.

A school counselor who is certified or endorsed by the Arizona Department of Education and employed by a traditional public school or a charter school in Arizona who is providing services within the job description of a school counselor will be deemed not to be practicing psychotherapy.