



## **PARENT FAQ GUIDE**

### ***What is Second Wind Fund?***

Second Wind Fund (SWF) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. We provide life-saving mental health treatment to youth at risk for suicide in Colorado, and pay for up to 12 sessions of therapy when there is a barrier to treatment. We are in 25+ counties and 100+ school districts and hoping to expand to serve the entire state. Please visit our website [www.thesecondwindfund.org](http://www.thesecondwindfund.org) to find a current list of counties served as well as information about how to get SWF in your community.

### ***How can my child qualify for Second Wind Fund?***

In order to qualify for SWF, your child must be under the age of 19, be at risk for suicide, and be without insurance or Medicaid or be underinsured without the financial resources to pay for therapy.

### ***Who can make a referral to Second Wind Fund?***

Referrals for SWF therapy must come from school mental health staff or another qualified referral source (QRS), such as a therapist, social worker, pediatrician, hospital discharge planner, or other mental health professional.

### ***Why does my child's school counselor or other mental health professional have to make the referral to Second Wind Fund?***

SWF requires a QRS to make a referral, as your child's safety is our first priority. Once your child has been assessed and deemed safe by a mental health professional, we will happily work with them to provide resources for continued mental health support.

### ***What happens after a referral is made to Second Wind Fund?***

Once SWF receives a call from a QRS, SWF staff will generate a list of approved SWF therapists in your community. This list and two forms (SWF Referral Form and a Release of Information Form) will be emailed to the QRS and then provided to you. You will be responsible for calling the SWF therapists to arrange the first appointment for your child. Please remember to bring the completed forms with you to your first appointment.

### ***Do Second Wind Fund sessions ever expire?***

No, SWF sessions never expire.

### ***What should I do if my child is experiencing an emergency mental health crisis?***

Call 9-1-1 or take them to the nearest emergency room for further assessment. There are also several Walk-In Crisis Centers throughout the state that can be located through Colorado Crisis Services ([www.coloradocrisiservices.org](http://www.coloradocrisiservices.org) or 844-493-8255).

**For more information and additional resources, visit [www.thesecondwindfund.org](http://www.thesecondwindfund.org) or call:**

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