

How To Enroll

School districts can

- Identify a student
- Review and update IEP to ensure maximum daily support has been attempted in Least Restrictive Environment
- Review/Update MDT verification to support behavior/emotional concerns
- Track target behaviors daily to share with Panhandle Beginnings team
- Talk with parents about student concerns and how this program can help their student
- Reach out to Panhandle Beginnings team and complete enrollment paperwork
- Have parent reach out to Panhandle Beginnings for a tour of the facilities and set up a parent/student intake meeting

About Us

Panhandle Beginnings (PbDTx) is an off-site, intensive educational program designed to support students with emotional and behavioral disorders (ED). It is not its own school but works as an extended, intensive classroom for students in coordination with their home school district.

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At ESU 13, we are committed to serving, supporting, and empowering the staff of the school districts we proudly serve. It is our hope that you will find ESU 13 to be an innovative, responsive, relationship-based organization. We proudly serve more than 14,000 students and nearly 1,300 teachers in an area spanning 14,181 square miles across 11 counties in western Nebraska. Without question, the strength of ESU 13 is the highly skilled, dedicated, and service-oriented staff.



Overall Goal

The program focuses on supporting students who need a highly structured, therapeutic environment, while working toward helping them successfully reintegrate into their home school when they are ready. If PbDTx isn't the best option for the student, it ensures that a suitable educational alternative is found.

Mission

Panhandle Beginnings Day Treatment, in partnership with school districts, families, and community, will provide intense, trauma focused therapeutic treatment and learning opportunities to students with significant emotional and behavioral needs, (grades third-eighth), resulting in healing, skill building, and productive community members

Overview of Program

- **Therapeutic and Educational Setting:** The program provides a combination of therapy and education to help students improve their social-emotional awareness and personal growth.
- **Target Population:** The program serves youth in Grades 3–8 who have been identified by a multidisciplinary team as having intensive emotional and behavioral challenges. These challenges may affect their ability to function in a typical school setting and impact their daily life and education.
- **Focus on Social-Emotional and Behavioral Support:** Panhandle Beginnings focuses on supporting students who struggle with emotional and behavioral issues, helping them develop skills to better participate in both academic and social settings.
- **Day Treatment Services:** The program provides day treatment services, meaning students receive structured support throughout the day, which is focused on both academic progress and emotional well-being.