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'Telehealth' team visits here

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Students and officials from Telehealth Counseling Clinic, which provides teleconferencing mental health services here, visited Brenham to discuss the program. They met with Faith Mission representatives.

Students in a unique teleconferencing network that provides mental health services here made an in-person visit to one of the communities they serve.

Twice each year, the Telehealth Counseling Clinic brings its doctoral student counselors and other volunteers to each of the five counties it serves. The students visited here last week.

TCC is operated under the administration of the Department of Educational Psychology and the Department of Health Promotion and Community Health Sciences at Texas A&M University. It works with Washington County and Faith Mission, with services offered at the Washington County Health Services Center (WCHSC).



WCHSC is operated by Faith Mission.

The program, which began here in 2013, allows doctoral students in the counseling psychology program to work one-on-one with patients via teleconferencing. It's a "win-win" proposition, with students getting a chance to hone their skills and patients receiving the service free, program organizers say.

Students visit each county to learn about the history and values of the communities where TCC operates, and the variety of resources available — or lacking — in each county.

The Rev. Randy Wells, chief executive officer of Faith Mission, said the students "are typically blown away by how Washington County works together to serve the residents."

Wells said he challenges them to use a "PMS" model to meet the "physical, mental and spiritual needs of clientele."

Services are available for ages 13 and up in English, Spanish and Mandarin. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 979 458-9990 or at telehealthcounseling.org.

The TCC will be hosting an open house at its headquarters on the Texas A&M campus in Milner Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 12 from 4-6.p.m

The open house will showcase a live telehealth demonstration, TCC research, a description of TCC services, and a discussion on impacts the program has on communities.

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