

Welcome to the Isle of Hope Counselors page!

The School Counseling program at Isle of Hope is based on the American School Counseling Association Model and our district standards. It includes a variety of services for ALL students and is designed to assist with interests and issues related to the stages of student growth in the areas of academic, career, personal, emotional, and social development. The following services are offered:

- Individual/Small group counseling sessions, with parent permission, for students focusing on divorce, grief, study skills, friendship/social skills, and anger management. If you feel that your child needs assistance in any of these areas, please let us know.
- Classroom guidance lessons with emphasis on character traits, personal/social skills, bullying prevention, academic development (study skills), and career awareness, etc.
- Referral assistance to other programs and services in the community.
- Participation in parent meetings, individualized education plan (IEP) meetings (IEP) and MTSS meetings.

Please see the following website for more information on the role of a school counselor.
(<https://www.schoolcounselor.org/asca/media/asca/Careers-Roles/RoleStatement.pdf>)

Meet the Counselors



McKenzie Mahoney Joyner

My name is Karen Mahoney and I am one of the school counselors at Isle of Hope. I have been at IOH since 2007. I am a proud graduate of the University of Georgia – Go Dawgs! I received

my Masters degree in School Counseling from Georgia Southern University. I am blessed to have a loving husband, adorable twin boys and the sweetest German Shorthaired Pointer in the world to come home to each day. At IOH, I work mainly with Pre-K – 2nd grades but often collaborate with our counseling team to serve the entire school. We are fortunate to have a close team of 3 counselors and a counselor's clerk so we can meet all the needs of our school. I can be reached at karen.mahoney@sccpss.com

My name is Charlotte Joyner and I would like to introduce myself to you as the 3rd-5th grade School Counselor at Isle of Hope Pre-K-8 School. I am entering my 10th year with the Savannah Chatham County Public School District and I am thrilled to be your child's School Counselor! I look forward to working with you and your child this year, and I will make every effort to see that your child receives as much personal assistance as possible. If you have any questions regarding the counseling program, please contact me directly at 912-395-6555 or email me at charlotte.joyner@sccpss.com. [I look forward to working together with you this year to help ensure your child's success in school. We are going to have a great year!](#)

Katherine McKenzie is a licensed professional counselor and brings 20 years of experience in the counseling field to the Isle of Hope program. She utilizes cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) techniques. This counseling model focuses on how our thoughts influence our feelings and behavior and how to identify thoughts that are unhealthy and lead to poor choices and consequences and eventually how to modify this thinking. She primarily supports the Middle Grades but offers an assist as needed with all students at Isle of Hope! Mrs. McKenzie loves good food, yoga, soccer, reading, college basketball/football, and spending time with her family and sweet miniature poodle, Dovey. She can be reached at katherine.mckenzie@sccpss.com.

Resources:

For urgent mental health needs please call the Georgia Crises Access Line (GCAL): 1-800-715-4225 or use the My GCAL APP at <https://www.crisestextline.org/>

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI): <https://www.nami.org/find-support/nami-helpline>

Savannah Counseling Services <https://www.gatewaybhs.org/services.html> or 866-577-9955

The Front Porch, 912-652-6555, provides resources and access to children and youth in need of counseling or behavior support. Counselors can also complete referrals for services.

Second Harvest Food Bank www.helpendhunger.org or 912-236-6750

EOA for comprehensive housing counseling to include eviction prevention and emergency rent and mortgage assistance. <http://www.eoasga.org/> or 912-238-2960

United Way of the Coastal Empire 211 <https://uwce.org/211-2/> or 912-651-7730 for a variety of [resources and services to include housing, food,](#) and benefit assistance.