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Behavioral Assessment Visit

Behavioral and emotional concerns are one of the most common reasons parents or adolescents seek advice from a pediatric health care practitioner. In fact, more than 12% of all children meet the clinical criteria for a behavioral or emotional disorder. If your child is experiencing any behaviors or emotional issues that are of concern to you or may be causing problems in his or her life, the providers at Advanced Pediatric Associates would like to help.

Most emotional, behavioral, or mental health concerns are relatively common and are often related to children's or adolescent's developmental stages. We can provide assistance with these issues. However, some concerns can be complicated and require more time and multiple visits to provide the best care for you and your child.

The behavioral assessment appointment is a first visit to discuss the issue(s) that concern you about your child. Before this visit you will be asked to fill out a one-page questionnaire to give us some basic information about your concerns. During the visit your provider will review this information with you to help determine if these concerns are everyday challenges, a passing phase, or a more serious issue. A recommendation will then be made to either treat your child within our practice with further assessment, or refer him or her to an appropriate mental health provider that can provide further assessment, counseling and treatment.