

# Directed Counseling Pathway

A couple, individual missionary, their child(ren) or an individual missionary has experienced significant difficulty with their spouse, children, or their behavior in team or on the field. It is hindering their ability to establish the Church.

**Yes**

Is it potentially a credentialing issue?

**No**

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The RD contacts the District Superintendent / District Missions Director via email. The district/network will then investigate the matter.

The RD, AD, or TL (with RD approval) consults with regional MC leader or global mental health coordinator (kmarsh@ag.org) regarding the type of care plan that would be appropriate.

The MC leader recommends counselors/agencies and the missionary chooses from among them.

**Yes**

Does the care plan necessitate personal leave to the States?

**No**

[Click here for the Communication Leave Pathway](#)

The RD, AD, or TL emails the missionary family, communicating the need for a certain number of sessions, followed by a report from the counselor.

Either a general or more specific report may be requested:

General: I believe these people are fit to return to the field or they need growth in some areas before doing so.

Specific: The specified areas of growth and development desired by leadership are addressed in the report, followed by a recommendation that they either return to the field or do not.

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The missionary is then responsible to let the counselor know the focus of the sessions and the fact that a report is being requested.

The missionary signs an ROI (release of information) delineating their requested areas of growth and development, allowing the report to go to their RD, AD, regional mental health leaders and global Mental health coordinator, as appropriate.

Missionary completes directed counseling and designated persons receive report.

Yes

No

The report informs part of clearance process to potentially return to the field or resume responsibilities.

The missionary is encouraged to resign from AGWM.

