

New Jersey Families: Is your pediatrician participating in the Pediatric Psychiatry Collaborative?

Please show this flyer to your pediatrician and let them know that
the Pediatric Psychiatry Collaborative is available in your area

Hundreds of pediatric providers are now receiving quick access to mental/behavioral health consultative support, and connecting patients with referrals to mental/behavioral health services through the PPC.

To Date:

- **Over 500 Pediatric Primary Care providers participating** in 8 Hubs across NJ.
- **Over 130,000 patients have been screened** for mental/behavioral health concerns.
- **Over 7,000 patients have been provided referral and support services** for mental/behavioral health concerns.

What Families Are Saying

About the PPC Hub:

*"The program has been a godsend."
"I am so thankful for this program!"*
- Mother of 16-year old Monmouth County patient

What Practices Are Saying

About the PPC Hub:

"We are now identifying kids that might have slipped through the cracks, and giving parents resources when they had nowhere else to turn."

CHOP Gibbsboro

Why Pediatricians Participate in the Collaborative

To better support pediatric practices in screening and care management of children and adolescents with mental/behavioral health concerns, the New Jersey Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics is working with Hackensack Meridian Health, alongside other health and hospital systems throughout the state, to implement the Pediatric Psychiatry Collaborative, a partnership among leading pediatric and behavioral health systems of care, to develop and execute an integrated child mental/behavioral health delivery system. The program aims to improve the comfort and competence of primary care physicians and pediatricians to screen, identify and care manage children with mental/behavioral health and substance use concerns.

The Collaborative provides quick access to psychiatric consultation and facilitates referrals for accessing ongoing mental/behavioral health care. The program is available to pediatricians serving children and adolescents and requires that primary care physicians offer standardized mental/behavioral health and substance use screenings at every well visit. Physicians can make a referral to a local "Hub" for a patient or family to access mental/behavioral health services.

Benefits include:

- Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist available for diagnostic clarification & medication consultation
- An initial appointment with a Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist can be arranged for urgent cases, regardless of family's insurance
- Licensed Social Workers and Psychologists available to support care management and identify resources for children in need
- *Optional:* opportunity for 25 MOC Part 4 points through an ABP-approved project with NJAAP

To register for the Collaborative, or for more information, pediatricians should email MHC@njaap.org, or call 609-842-0014.

