

PARENT RESOURCES

In-school Contacts

Ms. J. Polise, Lafayette Elementary Guidance Counselor: 487-7900, ext. 5300
Mrs. J. Holmstrom, Middle School Guidance Counselor: 487-7900, ext. 5040
Mrs. F. Kirschenbaum, School Social Worker, 487-7900, ext. 5050
Dr. P. Kosten, School Psychologist, 487-7900, ext. 5180

Mental Health Services

Below are frequently used Mental Health and Crisis Phone numbers for parents and youth. These websites are a great resource for learning about mental health.

Jewish Family Services, (JFS), (609) 822-1108, <http://www.jfsatlantic.org/services/children/>: Child and adolescent counseling offers a variety of outpatient therapeutic services provided by experienced child and adolescent therapists. The Specialty Center for Youth Interventions provides assistance to children and their families so they will successfully meet a child's challenges. Counseling, group activities, self-help skills, advocacy, medical referrals, psychiatric evaluations and treatment are offered.

AtlantiCare Behavioral Health (ABH), www.atlanticare.org/healthservices/behavioral.php. Full range of services, with 17 locations throughout the region, they offer a broad range of services to help individuals and their families. Services include: treatment for difficulties related to home, school, work, finances, mental illnesses, and addictions. (1-888-569-1000).

AtlantiCare Behavioral Health's (ABH) Child and Adolescent Outpatient Services, www.atlanticare.org/healthservices/behavioral_child.php: Provides behavioral health care to individuals from 3 to 17 years of age and their families, including; individual/family counseling, psychiatric evaluations with medication monitoring, and group therapy for substance abuse. ABH's Child and Adolescent Services encourage client and family involvement in all stages of treatment (609-272-0909). To schedule a first time appt., call 609-646-9159.

Family Service Association, www.fsasj.org: Full range of services; individual, family & group counseling, substance abuse, child abuse prevention, community, mental health, and psychiatric services, employee assistance programs, and family preservation (609-569-0239).

Rainbow Place: Provides therapeutic partial care for children ages 6-12 who are dealing with emotional and behavioral challenges at home, in school, or in community. It may include individual/group and family therapies, medication monitoring, daily living skills, psychiatric and psychosocial evaluations, rehabilitation, nutritional meals, and transportation. Program runs from 1pm–6:30pm, Monday through Friday. (609-569-0239 or 609-652-1600).

Safe Harbor: Adolescents from 13-17. Program runs from 3pm–6:30pm Monday through Friday. (609-569-0239 or 609-652-1600).

The Children's Intensive Emotional and Behavioral Program (CIEBP),

<http://www.chop.edu/locations/specialty-atlantic-county/childrens-intensive-emotional-and-behavioral-program> Provides partial hospital services in a behaviorally based therapeutic

setting for children between 5 through 12 who are having significant behavioral, emotional and social needs; and are at risk of being removed from the community, psychiatric hospitalization, or school because of psychiatric/behavioral symptoms. The program is 6 hours per day, 5 days per week. They emphasize a team model that encourages family and community participation (family and school staff). Call, 609-677-7850.

CRISIS PHONE NUMBERS

Immediate Medical Emergency, (911): Contact Police with immediate risk for self-injury.

Psychiatric Intervention Program (PIP), 609-344-1118: Suicide or psychiatric emergency screening to assess need for mental health interventions. Parent/Guardian must accompany child to the emergency room at the Atlantic City Medical Center- City Division.

Immediate Youth Crisis, Value Option/ Mobile Response Services, 1-877-652-7624: Provides emergency face to face in-home crisis counseling for emotional or behavioral challenges.

Child Abuse or Neglect: Child Protective: Child Protection and Permanency, CP&P (formerly the Division of Youth and Family Services, DYFS) 1-877-652-2873 or 1-877-NJ Abuse).

Family Crisis Intervention Program, Atlantic County, 609-645-5861: Parent-teen conflict, running away, truancy, substance abuse services or other dangerous behaviors, if not already linked with other agencies. Non-Emergency Help-Line dial 2-1-1.