



PCE
Building Resilience, Restoring Hope

Essex County Partnerships

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Collaborated with over 10,000 Families



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Planting Seeds of Change



Who Are We?

Partnership for Children of Essex (PCE) is a non-profit organization dedicated to servicing children between the ages of 3-21 with behavioral, emotional, developmental/intellectual, and/or substance use needs & their families.

Partnership for Children of Essex is also known as the CMO (Care Management Organization).

There is a CMO in every county.

Our Goal: to keep children and young adults in their homes, their schools, and out of trouble.





PCE & School Partnership

Assist in connecting children and their families with services and supports that address needs such as: behavioral/emotional, developmental, intellectual and substance use.

Provide additional support to school staff and parents/guardians in the referral process to obtain these services

New Jersey's Children's System of Care (CSOC)

PerformCare helps families access publicly funded services for youth (ages 3-21) with behavioral, emotional, intellectual, developmental, and/or substance use challenges.

Performcare: **1-877-652-7624**

24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year

www.performcarenj.org



Concerns To Be Aware of:

...that PerformCare/PCE can assist with

- Parents/Guardians are struggling to meet the needs of a child or adolescent who has a developmental disability.
- Child is refusing to attend school or has repeated lateness or absences, or if you have other concerns about his or her school performance.
- Child shows physical and/or verbal aggression, bullies others, or is being bullied.
- Family conflict, including youth substance use or refusal to comply with rules.
- Child has experienced a major loss or change, such as death, divorce, or relocation, and does not seem to be adjusting well.
- Child has been involved in therapy and does not seem to be improving.
- Child experiences a traumatic event, such as a house fire or witnessing violence.
- A friend, teacher, or other trusted adult has expressed concerns about the child.



Once you have observed concerns...



Taking The Next Steps

Contact the parent/guardian to receive permission to seek help through PerformCare.

PerformCare will need to speak directly with the parent/guardian. Educational Liaison could assist the parent with the phone call.

Prepare parents/guardians for questions regarding challenges with youth, family dynamics, and/or the present challenge.

Parents should also be prepared to discuss insurance and benefits (Parents are NOT denied due to financial income or insurance).

After The Phone Call...

If Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) is determined necessary, a response will occur within 1 hour of phone call.

- (For youth in crisis emergencies)

For Any Life-Threatening or Medical Emergency, always call 9-1-1 first!

Examples of **emergencies** include:

- Threatening self or others with a weapon (such as a knife or gun).
- Current active violence involving another person, such as hitting or being hit by someone, or witnessing violence between other individuals.
- Self-inflicted injury requiring medical attention.
- High-risk behavior, such as running into heavy traffic.



After The Phone Call...

If PerformCare determines that more information is needed, a BioPsychoSocial Assessment will be authorized. A licensed clinician will contact parent/guardian within 3 days to schedule a meeting to complete the assessment. Within 1 week after you schedule the appointment, the clinician will complete the assessment and submit it to PerformCare (reviewed within 5 days of submission). Within 3 days of review, a provider authorized by PerformCare (CMO) will contact the parent/guardian.

Care Management Organization (CMO) Partnership for Children of Essex

Mission: Working in partnership with children, families, and the community, the Partnership for Children of Essex (PCE) will create a pathway for hope and improve the quality of life for children and their families in Essex County.

The youth will have an assigned Care Manager to help coordinate and monitor all the different services and resources needed.

Assist families to develop effective strategies to manage their child's emotional and behavioral challenges.





Wraparound Model of Care

Crisis & Safety Plan Development →

- 24/7 On-Call Service

Child & Family Team Development

- Youth's Parent/Guardian, Care Manager, Family Members, Friends, Therapists, In-Community Providers, School Staff

Design, Implement, & Manage Individual Service Plan (ISP)

- Wraparound Values, Strength-Based, Team-Based

Family Driven & Community Based

Emphasis is placed on the child & family

- Family Voice & Choice

Linkage to Resources

Family Support Organization (FSO)

Goal: Keep youth at home, in school, and in the community



Services May Include:

Intensive In-Community services (IIC)

Behavioral Assistance (BA)

Social Emotional Learning services (SEL)

Clinical & Therapeutic Interventions

Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA)

Individual Support Services (ISS)

Out-of-Home Treatment (OOH)

Family Support Services (FSS)

-Assistive Technology

-Respite

Recreational Services

Community Collaborations



Division of Child Protection &
Permanency (DCPP)

Children's Inter-Agency Coordinating
Council (CIACC)

Human Services Advisory Board (HSAC)

Education Partnership/School Districts

Essex County Resource Net
www.essexresourcenet.org

Health & Wellness Fairs/Events

Legal System

Community Organizations

How To Access Services

Parent/Guardian can call **PerformCare** directly at
1-877-652-7624 and request a **NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

Contact PCE's Educational Liaison, Angie Petrillo, directly
for assistance or more information

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THANK YOU!

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Glossary & Terms

Care management organizations (CMO) are county-based, nonprofit organizations that are responsible for face-to-face care management and comprehensive service planning for youth and their families with intense complex needs. They coordinate the Child/Family Team meetings and implement Individual Service Plans (ISP) for each youth and their family. The CMO provides a single point of accountability for the organization, the delivery of services and the supports needed to maintain stability for each youth.

Children's System of Care (CSOC) is the division within the New Jersey Department of Children and Families responsible for behavioral health and developmental disability services for children up to age 21. CSOC is the state entity that manages all contracts for public services to these youth populations and strives to build a responsive and flexible service system for youth and families.

Family support organizations (FSO) are non-profit, county-based organizations run by families of children with emotional and behavioral challenges. FSOs work collaboratively with the CMO, Mobile Response and Stabilization Services, PerformCare, state agencies and provider organizations to ensure that the system is open and responsive to the needs of families and youth. The FSO provides peer support, education, advocacy and system feedback to families. They ensure that the key values of the CSOC are upheld.

Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) are provided to youth who exhibit emotional or behavioral challenges that may jeopardize their current living arrangements. They provide face-to-face crisis response within one hour of notification. The goal is to stabilize behavior and prevent loss of ability to remain in the home. Families of youth discharged from a psychiatric screening center are automatically eligible for MRSS, if desired. MRSS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and can offer up to eight weeks of stabilization services.