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Rowing In the Same Direction on Children's Mental Health

Earlier this week, we gathered for breakfast at the Mercer County Boathouse with the many experts who served on our Children's Mental Health Mapping Advisory Committee, along with child and family advocates, educators, funders, and clinicians, to celebrate the release of the [report](#) and discuss next steps to ensure implementation of the recommendations.

At the breakfast we hosted a panel with Kate Shamszad, Vice President of Policy, and Julie DeSimone, Vice President of Community Health at the Quality Institute, along with Ross Whiting, PhD, SEL4NJ. The panel members provided an overview of the report and recommendations, and then discussed the report findings with attendees.

The topics and themes that drew the most discussion were the following...

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TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

Lori Feldstein

*Chief Executive Officer & Executive Director,
Goals of Care Coalition of New Jersey*



Interviews with members, influencers, and noteworthy people

[Goals of Care Coalition of New Jersey \(GOCCNJ\)](#) is a member of the [Quality Institute's Consumer Council](#).

Interview Sneak Peek: *New Jersey's new Medicaid Community-Based Palliative Care benefit officially launched on April 1. Can you explain what this benefit is, who it is designed to support, and why this moment is so important for patients and families across the state?*

This is a major step forward for people living with serious illness and their caregivers. New Jersey is the third state after California and Hawaii to offer a Medicaid benefit for community-based palliative care, and there are dozens of other states behind us that are looking to do the same. The benefit is designed to support Medicaid members and dual eligibles who have a serious illness and are experiencing declines in quality of life as a result, due to symptoms, stress, frequent hospitalizations, or overall health.

What makes this benefit different is that it brings an interdisciplinary team and more person-centered support to patients and caregivers in their homes and communities, hopefully much earlier in the course of illness.

Patients who qualify can access pain and symptom management, care coordination, emotional and spiritual support, advance care planning, and help navigating the health care system through a team that may include physicians, nurses, social workers, chaplains, and other specialists...

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LeadingAge Annual Meeting Presentation *Advancing New Jersey's Direct Care Workforce Through Data and Collaboration*

At the [LeadingAge](#) New Jersey & Delaware Annual Conference in Atlantic City on June 18, the Quality Institute's Chief Operating Officer, [Tyla Minniear](#), joined Daria Waszak, Executive Director of the [New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing \(NJCCN\)](#), to present, "Data to Action: Strengthening New Jersey's Direct Care Workforce Through CNA Survey Insights." The session highlighted the results of New Jersey's first statewide CNA survey, which found that low wages, insufficient training, and limited advancement opportunities are driving many direct care workers to other industries that offer safer conditions and higher pay. Speakers also explored how data can inform policies and strategies to recruit, retain, and support the direct care workforce.

As co-lead of [Essential Jobs, Essential Care New Jersey \(EJEC NJ\)](#), the Quality Institute is committed to advancing policies that strengthen New Jersey's direct care workforce and ensure older adults and people with disabilities can access the care and support they need.

EJEC NJ is generously funded by [The Henry and Marilyn Taub Foundation](#).

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MATERNITY ACTION PLAN

DATA IN PRACTICE: TURNING MATERNAL HEALTH INSIGHT INTO ACTION



TUESDAY, 7/14 FROM 12-2 PM



VIRTUAL EVENT, ZOOM



#MAP4NJ

Please join us for a [Maternity Action Plan \(MAP\)](#) virtual work session, "[Data in Practice: Turning Maternal Health Insight into Action](#)," on [Tuesday, July 14, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.](#) Attendees will learn how to identify and interpret accessible maternal health data sets to better understand community needs.

Featuring speakers:

- [Mehnaz Mustafa, MPH, MSc](#), Chief Data Officer & Assistant Commissioner, Division of Health Data and Analytics, [New Jersey Department of Health](#)
- [Fay Cobb Payton, PhD, MBA](#), Executive Director, [Institute for Data, Research & Innovation Science \(IDRIS\)](#), [Rutgers University – Newark](#)
- [Stephen L. Firsing III, PhD, MPA, MA](#), Director of the Centralized Data Hub (CDH), Division of Health Data and Analytics, [New Jersey Department of Health](#)
- [Jordan Steiner, PhD, LSW, MA](#), Senior Research Scientist, [New Jersey Department of Health](#)

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