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What 18 Months of Research Revealed About Children's Mental Health Care

Last week, at the New Jersey State House, we released the [Children's Mental Health Mapping Report](#), the product of 18 months of research, interviews, and monthly meetings with our external advisory group of experts. Joining us were the legislative sponsors of the bill to commission the work, many of our partners in producing the report, and families who shared their stories in the hope of benefiting from an improved mental health system of care for their children and others.

In preparing this report, we conducted interviews and focus groups with over 230 families, providers, hospital staff, school personnel, justice system staff, and others inside the State's systems. We analyzed state and national data, and documented where the system is working, where it is falling short, and what can be done to fix it.

The mapping report is a resource, not a quick read. But strip away the data and the acronyms and what remains is children who are struggling, and the families and professionals desperately trying to help them. A few things from this report stuck with me...

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TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

In Their Own Words

Read the voices behind the
Children's Mental Health Mapping Report



Behind every data point in the Children's Mental Health Mapping report are the voices of children, families, providers, and others navigating New Jersey's mental health system. *In Their Own Words* shares anonymous perspectives gathered throughout the project, offering insight into both the strengths of the state's children's mental health system and the opportunities to improve access, coordination, and care for children and families statewide. Flip through their words, one voice at a time.

[Explore the Flipbook](#)

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH MAPPING REPORT



The full report maps how children and families move through New Jersey's mental health system, and documents what is working, where families get stuck, and what the State, insurers, and providers can do about it. Whether you read it cover to cover or jump to the section most relevant to your work, it is built to be a shared reference point for everyone trying to improve care for New Jersey's children.

[Read the Report](#)

NEW JERSEY HEALTH MATTERS:
NEW POLLING ON MENTAL HEALTH & AFFORDABILITY



New Jersey voters agree that mental health and health care affordability remain top priorities. In the latest NJ Health Matters poll, conducted with the [Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling](#) at Rutgers, we found that:

- **86%** of registered voters said elected officials should prioritize mental health
- **80%** supported expanding mental health services in K–12 schools
- **93%** said health care affordability should be a priority

These findings reinforce what we heard throughout our Children's Mental Health Mapping project: families need a system that is easier to navigate and offers timely access to care.

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- [Brutal reality facing N.J. parents searching for mental health care for their kids, new report reveals](#) — *NJ.com*
- [Youth mental health system in NJ hurts kids, frustrates parents, study says](#) — *New Jersey Monitor*
- [Legislative Democrats chart youth mental health push](#) — *POLITICO*
- [New Jersey's Children's Mental Health System Is Failing Families, Study Finds](#) — *CentralJersey.com*
- [Most N.J. voters say government needs to address health care affordability, access to mental health services: Rutgers poll](#) — *ROI-NJ*

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BVMI

Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative

Free Healthcare for the Working Uninsured

WELCOME

Powered by passionate volunteers, [Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative \(BVMI\)](#) delivers free, high-quality healthcare to Bergen County's working uninsured, helping them live healthy, productive lives. Established in 2009, BVMI is based on the Volunteer in Medicine model with free clinics located in Hackensack and Garfield.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY: [AI IN HEALTH CARE & PRIVACY](#)



Legal Risks, Governance, and Contracting Essentials for Providers — a complimentary webinar.

[Wednesday, June 17 at 12 p.m.](#)

As health systems adopt AI tools and vendors seek access to patient data, providers and counsel face new regulatory, contracting, and governance risks. This webinar offers a practical framework for structuring AI vendor agreements, building defensible governance, and protecting patient privacy and institutional data.

Presenters:

- **[Elizabeth Litten](#)**, Partner, Chief Privacy and HIPAA Compliance Officer, **[Fox Rothschild](#)**
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