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# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads

Route To: Administrators, School Counselors, School Social Workers, School Psychologists, Data-based Decision Team Members, I&RS Team Members, NJTSS Team Members, Care Coordinators

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Division of Educational Services

## New Jersey Enhancing School Mental Health Services Project: Statewide Trainings

During the 2023-2024 school year, the Rutgers Center for Comprehensive School Mental Health will provide no-cost statewide trainings for educators, administrators, and school mental health professionals to support implementation of the [New Jersey Comprehensive School Mental Health Resource Guide](#).

The trainings aim to increase knowledge of evidence-based practices related to school mental health and provide educators with opportunities to interact and collaborate with their peers who are working on implementation of comprehensive school mental health systems, regardless of their implementation stage.

A list of upcoming workshop topics and registration details is included in the chart below. Educators, administrators, and school mental health professionals are encouraged to register for sessions to bolster efforts to support youth mental health.

Training Date & Time	Location	Session Title & Registration Link
<b>Friday, September 29</b> 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.	<b>In Person:</b> Middlesex County Fire Academy 1001 Fire Academy Drive Sayreville, New Jersey 08872	<a href="#">Understanding Your School’s Mental Health Needs</a>
<b>Thursday, October 12</b> 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	<b>In Person:</b> Camden County Community College, Blackwood Campus 200 College Drive Gloucester Township, New Jersey 08012	<a href="#">Functional Contextual Thinking &amp; Its Application for School Mental Health</a>
<b>Wednesday, November 8</b> 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.	<b>Virtual:</b> Zoom	<a href="#">Establishing Community Partnerships and Engaging Families in School-Based Mental Health</a>
<b>Wednesday, December 6</b> 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	<b>Virtual:</b> Zoom	<a href="#">Functional Contextual Thinking &amp; Its Application for School Mental Health</a> <i>Note: This session is the same as the one held on October 12. Participants should only register for one session.</i>

For questions or to learn more about this opportunity, please contact Kristy Ritvalsky at [kmr359@shp.rutgers.edu](mailto:kmr359@shp.rutgers.edu).

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