



To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Directors of Nonpublic Schools
Route to: Principals, School Nurses, Staff Involved with Community Outreach, Students, Guardians and Parents
From: Sanford Starr, Assistant Commissioner
New Jersey Department of Children and Families
Date: October 15, 2025
RE: Community Resource Tool

As students, staff, and faculty settle into the new school year, now is often the time when situations that are stressful to children and families become more visible to educators. In fact, October is a month during which we see some of the highest referrals to our child abuse hotline – often for situations that do not include abuse.

New Jersey has a vast array of supports and services to help individuals and families through challenging times.

DCF is sharing [this resource guide](#) as a tool to help educators connect students and families with services, peer supports, hotlines, helplines, and other programming that can help them to be safe, healthy, and connected.

Please consider distributing this in your offices, schools, on social media, and through listservs to facilitate awareness and access.

Thank you.