



Announcing SAFE NJ to Support School Safety and Mental Health Across the State

The New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), in partnership with Empower Somerset, 2nd Floor Youth Helpline and STOPit Solutions, is proud to announce **SAFE NJ**, an initiative to provide trauma-informed mental health and safety resources to schools across New Jersey.

SAFE NJ includes a trauma-informed Anonymous Reporting System, student access to New Jersey-based licensed mental health counselors through 2nd Floor Youth Helpline, ensuring immediate, professional support for those in crisis.

The initiative builds on existing NJDOH youth and family wellness programs, offering **SAFE NJ** as a key element of a continuum of services aimed at keeping students, staff, and families safe and healthy.



SAFE NJ features include:

Anonymous Student Reporting:

A safe, secure platform for students to report concerns such as bullying, threats, or personal struggles, fostering a proactive approach to safety and intervention.



Immediate Crisis Support:

New Jersey students will have **direct access to licensed New Jersey-based mental health counselors** through the 2nd Floor Youth Helpline. This ensures they receive immediate and professional support from individuals who understand the unique challenges and available resources within the state.



Access to School & Community Resources:

The program is designed to seamlessly connect students and families with vital school and community resources including basic needs, ensuring timely and effective support tailored to New Jersey communities.

