



THE EWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. David Gentile, Superintendent Ext. 1102

dgentile@ewingboe.org

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

2099 Pennington Road, Ewing NJ 08618

Phone 609-538-9800 Fax 609-538-0041

www.ewing.k12.nj.us

December 21, 2025

Dear Ewing Community,

It is with a very heavy heart that I write to share that our community has experienced an unthinkable tragedy. During times like these, our collective thoughts are with the family and all those directly impacted by this loss.

With the permission of the family, I can share that Briana Matute Mejia, an eighth-grade student at Fisher Middle School, passed away on Saturday as a result of a motor vehicle accident. The District and the broader Ewing community extend our heartfelt sympathy to her family and friends. During this incredibly difficult time, I respectfully ask that we honor the family's wishes for privacy and allow them the space and time they need to grieve together.

This tragic incident has understandably affected many within our schools and throughout our community. In response, the District will have counseling professionals available beginning Monday to support students and staff who may be struggling or in need of assistance. We strongly encourage anyone who feels impacted by this loss to access these supports, as we continue to prioritize the emotional well-being of our school community in the days ahead. A list of additional resources is included for those who may need more immediate support now or over winter break.

Thank you for your care, understanding, and support as we come together as a community during this very difficult time.

Sincerely,

David Gentile

Dr. David Gentile, Superintendent

Additional Resources

The Ewing Public Schools

Providing a Foundation for Life



THE EWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ACCESSING PERFORMCARE AND MOBILE RESPONSE:

Perform Care (Mobile Response) - (877) 652-7624

Assists in helping families connect with services pertaining to behavioral health, intellectual and developmental disability, and substance use and treatment. PerformCare is the single point of entry to the New Jersey Children's System of Care (CSOC) for services such as *Care Management Organizations (CMOs)*, *Mobile Response*, and *Family Support Organizations*. The CSOC helps professionals and families connect to healthy supports in their communities and counties.

**Available 24/7*

**Accepts Insurance and Medicaid coverage*

OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH / NON-EMERGENCY NEEDS:

Mercer County Family Supports Organization (FSO)

3535 Quakerbridge Rd,

IBIS Plaza, Suite 400, Hamilton, NJ 08619, us

General Number: 609-586-1200

Website: Mercer County Family Support Organization - Home (mercerfso.org)

Mercer County Family Support Organization (FSO), is a non-profit 501 c 3 organization committed to providing support, education and advocacy to families of children with Emotional, Behavioral and Mental Health Challenges, including ID/DD and Substance Abuse.

Children's Specialized Hospital

3575 Quakerbridge Road, Hamilton, NJ 08619

General Number: 1-888-244-5373 (after language prompt, press #1 for outpatient therapy services & scheduling appointments)

<https://www.childrens-specialized.org/>

From infant to 17 years old. Currently accepting new patients. Most mental health services are virtual at this time, some evaluations are done in person. Most commercial insurance including Medicaid is accepted.



THE EWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care (UBHC) Access Center

1-800-969-5300

<https://ubhc.rutgers.edu/clinical/call-center/access-center/overview.xml>

Center for Counseling Services, LLC

850 Bear Tavern Road, Suite 305

West Trenton, NJ, 08628

(609) 771-0444

<https://centerforcounselingservices.com>

Comprehensive Mental Health

100 Straube Center, Pennington, NJ 08534

(609) 737-7797

<http://www.comprehensivementalhealth.net>

Carenet Counseling, LLC

2 Tree Farm Road Suite B220, Pennington, NJ 08534

Phone: 609-730-8282

<https://www.carenetcounseling.com/>

TeleHealth

TalkSpace - online/text/email/video counseling services

<https://www.talkspace.com/>

BetterHelp - online/text/video/email counseling services

<https://www.betterhelp.com/start/>

TC TeenCounseling: Online counseling for teens specifically

The Ewing Public Schools

Providing a Foundation for Life



THE EWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

<https://www.teencounseling.com/>

GRIEF:

Good Grief

12 Stockton Street, Princeton, NJ 08540

(609) 498-6674 x8013

<http://www.good-grief.org/>

Imagine

(908) 264-3100

<http://imaginej.org/>

Grief Speaks

<http://www.griefspeaks.com/>

EMERGENCY CRISIS SERVICES:

Capital Health Emergency Mental Health Services (formerly Helene Fuld)

750 Brunswick Avenue, Trenton, NJ

Hotline: (609)-396-4357 (24hr. hotline)

Main Line: (609)-396-6722 or (609)-394-6086

Website: [Emergency Mental Health Services](#)

“Our emergency walk-in program, located at Capital Health Regional Medical Center, provides individuals with the ability to request an assessment by a psychiatric counselor at the time of their crisis, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.”

Penn Medicine Princeton Health

The Ewing Public Schools

Providing a Foundation for Life



THE EWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1 Plainsboro Road, Plainsboro, New Jersey 08536

Direct (Behavioral Health) Line: (609) 853-7730

General #: (609) 853-7000

2NDFLOOR NJ's Youth Helpline

1-888-222-2222 | <https://www.2ndfloor.org/>

“2NDFLOOR is a confidential and anonymous helpline for New Jersey's youth and young adults. We are here to help you find solutions to the problems that you face and we are available 24 / 7 / 365”