

# REAL STORIES. REAL IMPACT.

## WHY NJ4S MATTERS.



Across New Jersey, NJ4S is helping students, families, and schools navigate real challenges—before they become crises.

These are just a few examples of what that support looks like in practice.



### WHEN SCHOOLS DON'T HAVE ENOUGH SUPPORT



**There is only one of me (social worker) for all 1200+ students...NJ4S has helped me to try to meet each of those different needs.**

— Christine Rappa  
Social Worker, Elizabeth Public Schools



### WHEN STUDENTS NEED SOMEONE IN THEIR CORNER



**Shayla has worked tirelessly with some of my toughest students — the ones who really just needed someone extra in their corner.**

— Jilyan Lane-Cruz, Westfield High School



**Getting buy-in from middle school boys is often very difficult—yet they come back weekly.**

— Staff Member, Cranford Middle School



**They no longer see themselves as everyone else's problem, but rather as valued members of the school community.**

— Jill Hall, School Counselor



### WHEN PREVENTION LEADS TO REAL OUTCOMES



**Thank you for helping me understand the effects of Vaping. I honestly did not know how bad it is because my family members do it.**

— Student, Elizabeth Public Schools



**Students have become more self aware, and have improved their communication skills with the ability to identify emotions, which helps them to make better decisions and display less adverse behaviors.**

— Dr. Syreeta McClain, UCVTS



### WHEN FAMILIES ARE PART OF THE SOLUTION



**Families now recognize that our school community is here to support all aspects of their growth...which has strengthened overall trust and engagement.**

— Cheryl Bynoe  
Family Liaison



### WHEN ACCESS MAKES THE DIFFERENCE



**Through NJ4S, our students and families have gained meaningful access to mental health resources that would otherwise be difficult to obtain.**

— Carla Bell, Cresthaven Academy Charter School



**NJ4S is deeply interwoven into our district and is truly considered part of our school community.**

— Melba Mullins, Student Assistance Counselor



**It would be a disservice to take NJ4S away.**



— School Administrator, Elizabeth Public Schools