



# SUBSTANCE USE NAVIGATORS

When a family first discovers their child's substance use, it can be difficult to know where to get services. As professionals, you know the challenges that can arise in finding the best possible care for a child in crisis.

If you've faced these barriers, the RWJBarnabas Health Institute for Prevention Substance Use Navigators (SUNs) want to hear from you. Substance Use Navigators are collaborating with community stakeholders in an effort to achieve seamless access to substance use services.

RWJBarnabas Health Institute for Prevention Substance Use Navigators will engage in the following:

- **Community Assessment** – Develop and carry out a needs assessment process that includes Children's System of Care and the broader community to increase knowledge of adolescent/young adult substance use needs.
- **Training for Schools and Physicians** – Educate school staff and physicians about the current services available for adolescents and how to access those services. Professionals can help families make better decisions for care by fully educating them about available resources.

RWJBarnabas Health Institute for Prevention Substance Use Navigators are based in Ocean, Monmouth and Essex Counties.

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If you are in crisis or need immediate assistance, please call PerformCare at 1-877-652-7624. Substance Use Navigators do not provide direct clinical services.