

NJPA ADVOCACY VICTORIES

Improving Access to Mental Health Care in NJ



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Workforce Expansion

20 New General Psychiatry Residency Training Spots



4 Additional Child and Adolescent Fellowship Spots



Support for Students Who Are Underrepresented in Medicine (URiM)

In order to promote the specialty of psychiatry, money has been made available to develop mentorship and networking programs for URiM students in medical school. NJPA will collaborate with NJ Training Programs to identify opportunities for outreach.

FY2023 Budget Includes:
\$100,000

Faculty Supervision & Clinical Services Staff Funding

When the number of residency training spots increase, additional staff are required to cover clinical services and provide community supervision. To ensure the necessary support, NJPA advocated to secure funding for the ancillary services required to support trainees.

FY2023 Budget Includes:
\$720,000

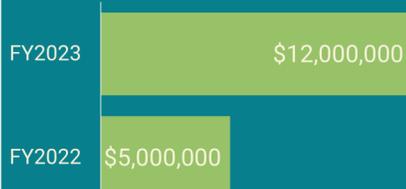
Behavioral Healthcare Provider Loan Redemption Program (**Bill S2872**)



The program provides \$5 million in state funding for loan redemption for mental health professionals through the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA).

New Jersey Pediatric Psychiatry Collaborative

NJPPC Program Funding



The **New Jersey Pediatric Psychiatry Collaborative (NJPPC)** is a state funded grant project that established a regionalized system of psychiatric and behavioral consultation teams to assist pediatricians in managing their patients' mental health needs. Tens of thousands of NJ children have received access to mental health care through this program. NJPA worked with all grant partners to advocate for the expansion of the program this fiscal year and these efforts were successful. The fiscal year 2023 budget increased the funding of this program by 7 million dollars bringing the total funding for the program to 12 million dollars.

Collaborative Care

Following a multi-year effort to engage with legislators on the importance of the evidence-based collaborative care model (CoCM), and garner the support of other physician stakeholder groups, **A2008** (based on model legislation drafted by the APA and NJPA) was finally passed by both chambers of the legislature and signed into law in June 2022. The law mandates coverage for the CoCM by specifically listing the CPT billing codes that must now be covered by insurers.



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