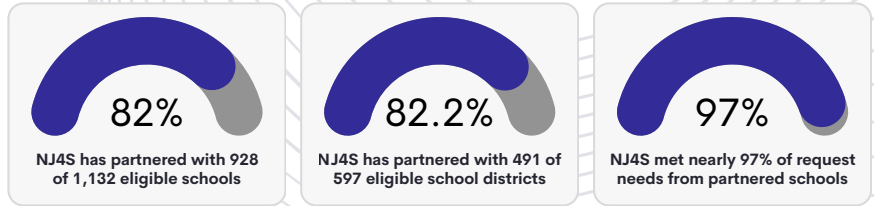


NEW JERSEY STATEWIDE STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES



NJ4S is already making meaningful differences in New Jersey schools by connecting students to critical mental health supports directly within their schools. This existing reach ensures that help is accessible, timely, and located where youth spend most of their day.



THE COST OF PREVENTION VS. THE COST OF CRISIS

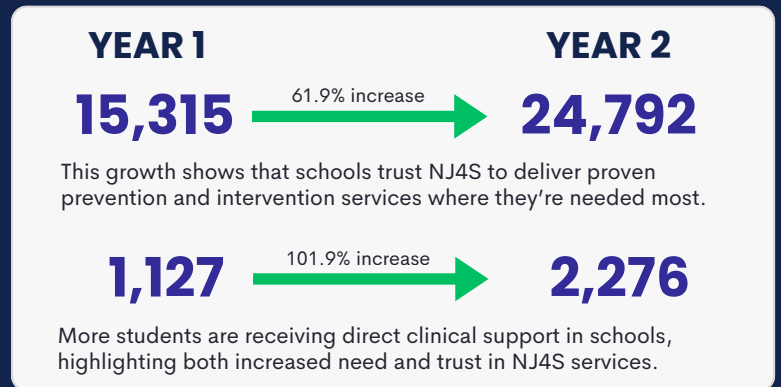
According to the state's evaluation, cost comparisons show that the benefits of NJ4S prevention and intervention services likely outweigh the costs of program implementation. Here is what that looks like:

Crisis Type	Avg. Cost per Case	# Prevented to Offset \$48M	What That Means in NJ4S Terms
Youth Mental Health Hospitalizations	\$15,540	3,089 Inpatient Youth Mental Health Hospitalizations	≈ 52% of the 5,900+ students receiving targeted mental health and wellness services
Mobile Crisis Responses	\$1,913	22,478 Mobile Crisis Calls	≈ 12% of the 183,000+ students reached through NJ4S services
Youth Inpatient Substance Use Treatment	\$52,706	815 Inpatient Youth Inpatient Substance Use Treatments	≈ 11% of the 7,300+ students receiving targeted substance use prevention

INCREASED STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

The need for student mental health support is increasing and schools are turning to NJ4S to meet it. The implementation of evidence-based and evidence-informed programs increased by 61.9% after the first year and direct clinical support increased by 101.9%.

These connections are built over time. Ending NJ4S would disrupt trusted relationships and leave schools to rebuild support systems from the ground up.



STRONGEST IMPACT WHERE NEED IS HIGHEST

In high-need schools, the program has reached 88.4% of schools and engaged 63.7%, with thousands of students seeking support. Removing NJ4S programs across the state would disproportionately impact the students already facing the greatest challenges.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

70% of students referred to NJ4S for mental health support services accessed the resources they needed.

Two-thirds of groups in evidence-based programs saw measurable improvements in reducing depression and anxiety.

High-Need Eligible Schools	High-Need Schools Partnered	% of Schools Partnered
510	451	88.4%

A MASSIVE PREVENTION FOOTPRINT

With over 1 million attendances to workshops, assemblies, and other educational events, NJ4S is building awareness, reducing stigma, and connecting students to support on a statewide level.



Each student figure represents 100,000 students reached.

Students in Attendance	Educational Events Delivered
1,037,872	26,420