The NJPPC is designed to educate pediatricians on mental health care, help them screen for and identify mental health concerns, and get timely access to consultative support. NJPPC membership includes ongoing collaboration with mental health professionals and support with early identification and care management of mental health concerns, including referrals to mental health resources in the community.

The program, now in its ninth year comprises over 800 registered members. To date, NJPPC members have screened over 210,000 patients for mental health issues, and over 22,000 patients have received mental health consultation services through our Regional Hubs.

The Collaborative Care Model is designed to educate pediatric care providers, and support them in screening for and identifying mental health concerns.

Each Regional Hub has board-certified Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists (CAPs), Clinical Navigators, and Mental Health Specialists who support patients and their families in the following ways:

- Timely Access to CAPs for psychiatric evaluations
- Consultative Support to assist with diagnostic clarification and medication management
- Care coordination to support patients and their families connect with mental health resources
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**SINCE THE PROGRAM’S INCEPTION**

- **22,060** Referrals have been made
- **800** Pediatric Care Providers have become registered NJPPC Members

**A New Initiative During 22-23**

- **202** Family Medicine & Pediatric Residents have become registered NJPPC Members

**Reasons for Referral**

Behavioral Health Treatment Consult remains the most common reason a patient is referred to the NJPPC

**65.8%**

(n=1,797)

**Over 85%** of providers surveyed reported improved skills in medication management for patients, and in referring patients to mental health services in their community when needed

**Over 80%** of providers surveyed reported improved skills in screening, identifying, treating, and referring patients with mental health issues

**NJPPC Regional Hubs received 2,729 referrals in Fiscal Year 22-23**

- Percentage of referrals that were for patients 11 and older: **70.2%**
- Percentage of patients who identified as female: **55.8%**
- Percentage of patients who were insured by Medicaid: **46.1%**
- Percentage of patients who identified as communities of color: **43.4%**

**Addressing Urgent Mental Health Needs**

- Percentage of patients where suicidal ideation was identified during screening: **14.7%**
  
  A 60% Increase from 2020

- Percentage of patients who presented with anxiety as a referral symptom: **60.6%**