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From: Sanford Starr, Assistant Commissioner
New Jersey Department of Children and Families

Date: October 1, 2025

RE: **New Jersey Child Assault Prevention (NJCAP) Program**

The New Jersey Child Assault Prevention Program (NJCAP) was initiated in 1985 to reduce a child or young person's vulnerability to verbal, physical, and/or sexual abuse. NJCAP workshops and trainings help adults and children/youth identify bullying, child abuse, and assault as well as teach personal safety and prevention strategies.

Once requested through NJCAP directly by each school, the program is now being dispatched through the New Jersey Statewide Student Support Services (NJ4S) network. It will continue to be available to all schools, public and non-public, and all grade levels, as it has in the past, with a continued focus on elementary students.

Applications already submitted for this school year will be managed by the Department of Children & Families (DCF), Division of Family and Community Partnerships. Staff will be reaching out to those schools to verify that the applications have been received. During this initial transition period, schools that expressed a preference for program delivery in September and October may experience a delay in scheduling; however, *all* requests will be scheduled.

Moving forward, all requests for NJCAP services should be submitted through [the online application](#) linked on [the DCF NJCAP website](#).

Thank you for helping to keep New Jersey's children safe, healthy, and connected. Have a great school year!

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