DISPARITIES IN YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH
THE NEED TO SUPPORT S.0250 / H.6045

Children and youth with mental health conditions are at increased risk for suicide.

In 2022 **more than half (59%)** of children ages 3 to 17 in Rhode Island who needed mental health treatment or counseling **had a problem obtaining needed care.**

59%

36%

In 2023, **36%** of Rhode Island high school students **reported feeling sad or hopeless** for more than two weeks during the past year.

Twelve children ages 15 to 19 **died due to suicide** in Rhode Island between 2018-2022.

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29%

In 2022, more than **one in four (28.7%)** children ages 3 to 17 **had a mental, emotional, or behavioral health problem** in Rhode Island.

Children living in poverty are **two to three times more likely to develop mental health conditions** than their peers.

2 to 3

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CURRENT STUDENT TO SOCIAL WORKER RATIOS THROUGHOUT RHODE ISLAND

District Name	Number of Social Workers	Number of students enrolled	Number of Students each social worker is serving
Barrington	5	3388	1:678
Burrillville	2	2074	1:1037
Central Falls	8	2867	1:358
Coventry	6	4447	1:741
Cranston	40	10620	1:265
Cumberland	3	5155	1:1718
East Greenwich	4	2575	1:644
East Providence	18	5418	1:301
Foster	1	264	1:264
Glocester	2	615	1:307
Jamestown	1	431	1:431
Johnston	9	3401	1:378
Lincoln	5	3401	1:680
Little Compton	2	247	1:124
Middletown	3	1959	1:653
Narragansett	1	999	1:999
Newport	4	1897	1:474
New Shoreham	1	128	1:128
North Kingstown	7	3982	1:569
North Providence	9	3726	1:414
North Smithfield	2	1675	1:838
Pawtucket	21	8347	1:398
Portsmouth	4	2258	1:565
Providence	69	21871	1:317
Scituate	2	1250	1:625
Smithfield	3	2437	1:812
South Kingstown	3	2412	1:804
Tiverton	5	1655	1:331
Warwick	22	8213	1:373
Westerly	9	2300	1:256
West Warwick	9	3704	1:412
Woonsocket	20	6196	1:310
Bristol Warren	9	2899	1:322
Exeter-West Greenwich	3	1599	1:533
Chariho	6	3202	1:534
Foster-Glocester	3	1377	1:459

*Data provided by the Rhode Island Department of Education