

The **Care** and support provided by Project Community Pride brought my **child back to me.**

-A grateful mother

Project Community Pride serves as yet another **resource** for the **schools** and the parents in **providing** additional interventions for students to **progress and succeed** both in school and in the **community.**

-Director of Special Services

The staff at Project Community Pride has always been **available to help** and we **rely** on them as an **invaluable resource** to **work with our students.**

-Director of Guidance



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# PROJECT COMMUNITY PRIDE

OF THE MADISON AREA YMCA

A Youth Counseling and Support Program





## PROJECT COMMUNITY PRIDE OF THE MADISON AREA YMCA

Project Community Pride of the Madison Area YMCA is a no-fee youth counseling and support program for children, teens and families in Chatham, Florham Park and Madison who are struggling with social, emotional and/or behavioral issues.

Project Community Pride is the only program of its kind in New Jersey, and one of few in the country. Serving the community since 1976, the program is made possible through the collaboration of community leaders and the municipalities, school districts and law enforcement agencies of the Chathams, Florham Park, and Madison. Project Community Pride joined the Madison Area YMCA in 2014.

## PHILOSOPHY

When children and families are in crisis, Project Community Pride works closely with the police departments and collaborates with the school districts to address emotional needs of children before problems escalate.

The philosophy of Project Community Pride includes treating the child in the context of the family. The program recognizes the link between children's problems with the law, their school life and personal ones at home.



Project Community Pride provides individual and group therapy to school-age children and their families who reside in Madison, Florham Park and Chatham. Reasons for referral to Project Community Pride include family stress, adolescent adjustment issues, anger, anxiety and depression.



As a cause-driven 501(c)(3) charitable organization, the Madison Area YMCA believes everyone, regardless of age, income or background, should have the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive. For more information about financial assistance or to make a donation, please call 973-822-YMCA (9622) or visit us at [madisonareaymca.org](http://madisonareaymca.org).

## STAFF

Counseling and support services are provided in the schools and at the program's office by licensed therapists:



### **Lisa Sprague, LCSW, Director**

Lisa is a licensed, clinical social worker with clinical, supervisory and administrative experience in the mental health field. She worked for an adolescent psychiatric and chemical dependence intensive outpatient treatment program, and with youth and their families through individual, group and family counseling in local school and outpatient settings. Lisa holds a Master of Social Work from Fordham University.



### **Christine McIntyre, LCSW, Program Specialist**

Prior to joining Project Community Pride, Christine was in private practice in the community. She also worked in a group practice where she provided individual, family and group therapy. She has extensive experience working with children, adolescents and their families. Christine earned a Master of Social Work from Hunter College.



### **Daniella Jernick, LCSW, Clinician**

Daniella's career in social work began with a focus in violence against women and children. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from St. John's University and a Master of Social Work from Rutgers University. After completing the VAWC (Violence Against Women and Children) certificate program at Rutgers, she launched her career working in sexual violence counseling, prevention, and education. Daniella is a certified school social worker and has worked with children/adolescents of various ages and their families. More specifically, she has extensive experience with preschool-aged children including crisis intervention, trauma, behavior management, and PCIT (Parent Child Interaction Therapy).



### **Mike Ecklund, LAC, Clinician**

Mike began his career as a licensed counselor working with the State of New Jersey Department of Children and Families' Children's System of Care. He worked with families throughout the state, with children of all ages in schools, and adults with a range of intellectual and developmental disabilities. Mike has a background in psychology, applied behavior analysis, and mental health. Mike earned a Master of Mental Health Counseling from Monmouth University.

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