



# WILLIAM JAMES COLLEGE

INTERFACE Referral Service

## Wondering About Mental Health Services?

- What outpatient mental health services exist in and around your community?
- How do you navigate the outpatient mental health system in Massachusetts?
- Where can you find guides to help you throughout the process of seeking mental health services?

## Find answers at the William James College INTERFACE Referral Service

[interface.williamjames.edu](https://interface.williamjames.edu)

William James College INTERFACE Referral Service works to increase awareness of mental health issues impacting children, families, and adults and to facilitate access to appropriate outpatient services. Visit our website for additional information and guides to help you throughout the process of seeking outpatient mental health services.

**Helpline services are available in:**

Needham

## Call or email Needham Community Access Point Person

Sara Shine at [sshine@needham.gov](mailto:sshine@needham.gov) or **781-455-7500 x264** who will provide resource information and/or connection to INTERFACE Referral Service for outpatient mental health provider referrals from a trained resource and referral counselor.

INTERFACE,<sup>®</sup> a program of William James College, also supports and collaborates for service access with the Department of Disabled Persons Protection Commission's Sexual Assault Response Unit, Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project (MCPAP) and, MCPAP for Moms.

Resource  
Information

Provider  
Referrals

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## What to Expect When You Call the Helpline

INTERFACE is an outpatient mental health resource and referral Helpline that our community has contracted with to help identified residents and/or public-school students become connected with outpatient mental health and wellness resources. If the Needham Community Access Point Person connects you with the INTERFACE Referral Service Helpline you can expect the following:

- 1. Intake**—You will be connected, through the Community Access Point Person, to a resource and referral counselor to complete a confidential intake. You will be asked for information, including your email and phone number, your or your child's concerns, insurance type, preferences around therapist characteristics and treatment modality, demographic information, as well as your available timeframes for appointments. The intake generally takes about 15-20 minutes. After the intake is completed, you will be assigned a case number to use with both INTERFACE and potential provider match(es). The case number is used to protect your confidentiality. *At times we may provide additional or alternate information to callers in order to meet more immediate needs or safety concerns.*
- 2. Making a match**—Your resource and referral counselor will be in touch with you in the first few business days after your call to introduce themselves and to let you know that they are starting to search for providers. INTERFACE resource and referral counselors search for a match by utilizing the information provided at intake and our database of over 9,000 licensed and vetted providers located throughout the state.
- 3. Providing matches**—Once a provider match has been identified, an INTERFACE resource and referral counselor will contact you to give you the provider's name, credentials, location, and phone number. They will also provide links to guides on our website that may be helpful in the process of seeking services. We aim to provide at least one match as quickly as possible; however, at times it can take up to 3 weeks to find a match. Although we do our best to find matches with current availability, at times matches may include waitlist options, as matches are based both on the criteria shared at intake and the availability of resources.
- 4. Following-Up**—After you have received the match(es), your resource and referral counselor will follow up with you within 1-2 weeks to see if you have been able to connect with the provider(s), and if so, how it is going. INTERFACE Referral Helpline works with you to ensure you have connected with a suitable match.
- 5. Closing a referral**—Once there is a successful match, the INTERFACE resource and referral counselor will close the referral process with you. However, if you need additional support in the future for other referrals or if the match does not work out for some reason, please know that you can always call the Community Access Point Person again to determine the next steps in the process of finding a new provider.

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The INTERFACE Referral Service Helpline is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (excluding holidays). If we are experiencing high call volume or it is after hours, your Community Access Point Person will be asked to leave a message with your name and phone number and we will call you to complete an intake as soon as possible. Please review our website at [interface.williamjames.edu](http://interface.williamjames.edu) for additional information and for a complete list of the communities we currently serve and how they are served.