MEET YOUR PPC HUB TEAM...

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Marie Leskauskas, MA, NCC, is a Mental Health Specialist for the Pediatric Psychiatry Collaborative (PPC) Middlesex and Mercer County Hub. Marie is well experienced in working with children, adolescents, and adults who are experiencing both behavioral and or psychological problems. Prior to the PPC Marie worked for a crisis center in Pittsburgh, PA, and as a Mental Health Clinician at two local universities. In these centers, Marie worked one on one with university students to provide counseling services, and with children and adults who required immediate psychiatric interventions, psychoeducation, and ongoing treatment. Marie has a Masters in Clinical Mental Health and Counseling and is a Nationally Board Certified Counselor.