

# Student Assistance Services Principal Perspectives

*What School Principals say they value most about Rhode Island Student Assistance Services:*

*The Student Assistance Counselor has knowledge of information related to substance abuse issues and current trends impacting our students and families.*

***Dennis Kafalas, Burrillville Middle School***

*The Student Assistance Counselor has strong ability to connect to our students and a willingness to be involved in all aspects of student support. Her ability to help families reach out to outside agencies is invaluable.*

***Kevin McNamara, Lincoln High School***

*The Student Assistance Counselor has a thorough knowledge of resources and child development. His professionalism when doing presentations in classrooms and his teamwork and problem solving are tremendous contributions to our school and community.*

***Kathleen Egan, Broad Rock Middle School***

*Our Student Assistance Counselor has helped countless students and their families.*

***Joseph Goho, North Providence High School***

*The Student Assistance Counselor assists individual and small groups of students who are at-risk. She is always willing to assist in various aspects of school culture improvement.*

***Karen Tarasevich, West Warwick Superintendent***

*Team work and collaboration between our Student Assistance Counselor and our other support staff has helped many, many students and families.*

***Mary Slattery (Smith), Exeter West Greenwich Junior High School***

*The Student Assistance Counselor connects with students who are disenfranchised and is willing to develop and sustain clubs like the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) and Varsity Athletes Against Substance Abuse (VAASA).*

***Bob McCarthy, South Kingstown High School***