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Dr. Suzanne Drake is a Board Certified Psychiatric Advanced Practice Nurse at the Wellness Group of NJ, LLC in Ramsey and Scotch Plains New Jersey. She earned her Masters in Nursing from NYU, her Doctorate in Marriage and Family Therapy from International University for Graduate Studies, and a Post Masters Certificate as a Family Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner from Rutgers University. She is a member of ANA, APNA, ISPN, Sigma Theta Tau and a Fellow in the American Psychotherapy Association. Her varied clinical and teaching experiences have centered on obstetric, pediatric, holistic and psychiatric nursing.

Over the years, in response to demographic trends and health and social needs, she developed several innovative programs for disease prevention and health maintenance focusing on at-risk families and worked to implement these programs in her community.

Currently, in addition to her private practice, Suzanne is the Director of Public Relations for the Society of Psychiatric APNs. She has served on the NJSNA Steering Committee and now serves on the NJSNA Joint Protocol Strategies Group and the New Jersey Action Coalition. She co-created and is Co-Chairperson of the Ad-Hoc Grassroots advocacy organization, APN-NJ.

Having had many years experience in organizing grassroots support in changing healthcare policies on a local and institutional level, Suzanne is passionate about putting nursing in the forefront of healthcare. She has held this vision since the early 70s when she presented a model for a nurse managed health center to the local Health Systems Agency. But this hope lay dormant for decades while the healthcare industry evolved from complexity to chaos. Finally, the time has come and she is committed to the effort of making this happen.

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