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Colleen Babcock

Parent & Family Support Coordinator

As Horizon’s Parent & Family Support Coordinator, Colleen works with loved ones of patients to help them better understand substance use and learn valuable skills to support their loved ones in recovery.

Contact Colleen via email at CBabcock@horizon-health.org or by calling or texting at (716) 907-2985 to learn more about her Parent and Family Support Group, free Narcan training, and other training opportunities! Colleen has availability after hours, as well.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

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