

## Special Dog Knows the Key to Unlocking Secrets

**Child therapist's dog helps young patients open up.**

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Exactly what is it Mina does?

His two front teeth missing as he smiled, 5-year-old Jonathan explained, "When I lay down with her on the floor, I pet her and tell her special secrets about my house and my family."

Rosanne, age 8, said, "Mina's the only person I can tell my private secrets to. I always want to take her home with me between sessions. You know, borrow her for a week like you do a library book."

Ivy, one of the battered mothers, was almost tearful as she expressed gratitude for Mina's work. "She's made such a difference in my kids' live. They never talk with me as freely as they talk to her. They feel safe with her. They trust her, and that's something they need so badly in their unhappy lives."

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