



NORTH JERSEY COMMUNITY RESEARCH INITIATIVE

Our Mission:

We strive to improve and strengthen the quality of life of individuals and families by providing comprehensive Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services, Mental Health Services, Psychiatric Services, and Re-Entry Services. The inability to pay is not a barrier to quality services.

Our Core Values:

- Community Empowerment
- Community Compassion
- Community Engagement
- Community Respect

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PROGRAM SERVICES

Outpatient/Intensive Outpatient Program:

Ladrunda Gary, BA, SUD

Counselor ext.#304

- Provide assessments and a warm, compassionate, therapeutic experience which includes psychoeducation as well as individual and group therapy sessions. We use various approaches to treat addiction, i.e., evidence-based Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and Motivational Interviewing Therapy (MI) to address possible ambivalence for treatment and to build decision making skills.

Prison Discharge Planning

Elizabeth Awoyemi MA

Case Manager ext#226

- Provides discharge planning for offenders in Northern state prison and local DOC halfway houses. Helps with health education, social & medical services. Handles follow ups & supportive assistance.

ECI

Empowered Communities Initiative:

Vershay Lawrence BA ext.#303

- ECI works to prevent opioid abuse, increase access to opioid treatment and recovery services, and reduce the health consequences of opioid abuse.
- Services include: assessment, referral and linkage to treatment and support groups. Naloxone administration training. Opioid Overdose Prevention education for prescribers, Nurses, families and the community at large

SAMHSA-MAT-PDOA

Jonikka Shewmake, CADC Intern

ext.#305

- The MAT-PDOA Project is designed to increase access to evidence based treatment for persons with Opioid Use Disorder.
- Services include assessment, referral and linkage to treatment. Retention in care is accomplished via 90 day follow-ups and support groups.

E2i- Evidence-Informed **Interventions**

Tiffany Joseph BA

Case Manager ext.#210

Talina Gibson

Data Manager/ Admin assistant
ext.#302

Case Manager administers SBIRT (Screening Brief, Intervention, and Referral to SUD/MH Treatment for HIV Positive clients. Provide ongoing services coordination for program participants.