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Education & Health Centers of America, Inc.

Education & Health Centers of America, Inc. (EHCA) has served as a leading provider in reentry services for over 30 years. EHCA also offers an array of veteran services in the community. EHCA's mission is to provide a healthy, drug free, safe, and secure environment within which we provide evidence-based treatment and education services that focus on changing addictive and criminal behaviors. We provide our participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to lead a productive lifestyle prior to reintegration into their communities.

Happenings at The Harbor

In celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, on Monday, January 15th, The Harbor Assessment and Treatment Center's resident activities included a cornhole tournament, followed by some tasty treats delivered by a local McDonald's franchise in the community. All residents were treated to individually packaged McDonald's meals. Tournament champions received two meals!



Congratulations to our cornhole tournament champions!

#FinancialFridays

On #FinancialFridays, clinical staff at The Harbor Assessment and Treatment Center tailor program topics and activities to address financial readiness and financial preparation for

successful reintegration. Clinical staff provide an evidencedbased financial literacy didactic lecture series to Harbor residents on Fridays, focusing on topics such as: budgeting, investments, financial planning, and balancing financial accounts.

30 Days Demerit Free

63 Residents were recognized for achieving 30 days demerit free in the month of January! Residents received certificates and recognition at house meetings throughout the month.

Tully House Tidings

Tully House administration announced the return of the furlough program, effective February 1st. The criteria and parameters associated with the return of the furlough program were thoroughly reviewed with all residents during house meeting.

Employment & Education Statistics

- 49 Residents Employed Full-Time
- 24 Residents Actively Job Searching
- 3 Residents Enrolled in Full-Time Post-Secondary Education
- 4 Residents Enrolled in Adult Basic Education

100% RV-TAPP Resident Participation Rate

Additional Family Time for A-304's

In response to the return of the furlough program, which excludes the A-304 population, Tully House administration set out to identify and create new program incentives for A-304 residents, in lieu of furlough opportunities. Tully House administration identified and recognized the added psychosocial benefits of increased family bonding and family reintegration prior to return to the community. Therefore, Tully House administration established additional family time opportunities for A-304 residents who do not qualify for furlough. Additional family time opportunities consist of:

- ✓ Increased Length of Family Visit Time
- ✓ Increased Frequency of Family Visits
- ✓ Increased Family Services Appointments & Counseling (Including: Individual Counseling, Family Counseling, Couples Counseling)



- **88** Assessment Reports Completed
- 110 Residents Classified by the NJDOC Classification Committee
- 84 Substance Use Disorder Screenings Conducted
- 153 Assessment Testing Instruments Administered to Residents



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Alumni Services Summary

In the month of January, 154 Harbor Residents participated in The Harbor's Alumni Meeting. The Alumni Meeting consisted of 12 NJDOC approved Alumni speakers, in addition to the Alumni Coordinator, Arthur Townes. 93 Residents participated in the Tully House January Alumni Meeting. The meeting consisted of 8 NJDOC approved Alumni speakers, in addition to the Alumni Coordinator, Arthur Townes. The January Alumni Meeting topics focused on Motivation and Entrepreneurship.

Family Services Statistics

- 25 Residents Participated in Specialized Weekly Family Services Counseling
- 42 Residents Participated in Inside Out Dads (IOD) Group Programming
- 13 Family Night Event Participants
- 2 Residents Participated in Specialized Family Services Couples Therapy

Upcoming Events



Black History Month Activities



Superbowl Celebrations Scheduled at The Harbor & Tully House



Family Night Event Every Tuesday at Tully House



Alumni Meetings Scheduled

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EHCA Editorial Column

An excerpt from our President & Chief Executive Officer, Richard McCourt,

"As we embark in the new year, I am proud to continue to serve as the President and Chief Executive Officer for Education & Health Centers of America, Inc. (EHCA). Our organization continues to demonstrate dedication to the successful community reintegration of incarcerated persons and the incarcerated veteran population throughout the state of New Jersey. Together, in partnership with New Jersey Department of Corrections (NJDOC), we have achieved remarkable milestones.

In 2024, we will continue to build on our successes and continue to foster a culture of collaboration. I am confident that, with our collective efforts, we will propel the lives and opportunities for incarcerated persons to new heights.

Here's to a year of growth, collaboration, and shared triumphs."

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