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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.

## The Harbor Hosts Juneteenth Cornhole Tournament

On June 19th, recognized as Juneteenth National Independence Day, The Harbor hosted a cornhole tournament for its residents, fostering a sense of community, camaraderie, and cultural significance. Cornhole tournament participants eagerly competed in teams, showcasing their skills and enthusiasm while honoring Juneteenth's historical importance. Residents enjoyed friendly competition, laughter, cheering, and a shared appreciation for the holiday. The tournament concluded with healthy smoothies, with a choice of three different flavors, provided by a local community vendor.

### InsideOut Dad® Graduation at The Harbor

The Harbor celebrated an InsideOut Dad® graduation on June 6, 2024! The residents received completion certificates and the residents' families were invited to attend the graduation event. Refreshments were enjoyed by all attendees.

### **Tully House Employment & Education Statistics**

- 49 Residents Employed Full-Time
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- 18 Residents Actively Job Searching
- Residents Enrolled in Post-Secondary Education
- 4 Residents Enrolled in Adult Basic Education
- **100%** RV-TAPP Resident Participation Rate

## **EHCA Staff Spotlight: Director Michael Oliver**

Michael Oliver currently serves as the Director of Tully House, a Level 2 Residential Community Reintegration Program (RCRP), located in Newark, New Jersey. Director Oliver began his residential reentry career in 1987 and has contributed to the operational success of numerous reentry programs over the years, including the Albert M. "Bo" Robinson Treatment Center, The Harbor, and Tully House—where he continues to serve today. Director Oliver had the opportunity to work in various residential reentry programs, across numerous reentry providers, encompassing state and county contracted reentry populations in New Jersey, such as, the State Department of Corrections, State Parole Board, and Essex County Bail Bond populations.

Director Oliver's accomplishments and accolades include: Graduating with Honors from Lincoln University with a Masters of Human Services degree; Acceptance into the Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Science; Longstanding member of the Mental Health Counselors Association; Overseeing numerous American Correctional Association accreditations at Bo Robinson, The Harbor, and Tully House, resulting in scores of 100% on both mandatory and non-mandatory standards; Obtaining certifications as a National Certified Cognitive Behavior Therapist and a Human Services-Board Certified Practitioner (HS-BCP); Offering mentorship to many program staff over the course of his career; and providing key contributions to the development and success of the family services program and various community reintegration initiatives.

Director Oliver's leadership and dedication has played a significant role in shaping our organization's success. With a wealth of experience, Director Oliver fosters collaboration in the community, offers valuable mentorship for staff, and supports resident educational and clinical achievements. We recognize Director Oliver's vital contributions and exemplary leadership, which inspire us all.

## **Assessment Department Accolades**

- **84** Assessment Reports Completed
- **70** Residents Classified by the NJDOC Classification Committee
- **72** Substance Use Disorder Screenings Conducted
- 119 Assessment Testing Instruments Administered to Residents

## **MAT Staff Training Provided By Community Partner**

On June 20, 2024, EHCA hosted Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) training and informational sessions for The Harbor and Tully House staff, in partnership with Indivior, Inc. As community leaders in addiction treatment solutions, Indivior, Inc., provided expert trainers who shared comprehensive, evidence-based information with our staff. The training sessions consisted of interactive discussions and valuable Q&A segments. This collaborative professional development event aimed to provide continuing education to our healthcare professionals, case managers, and operational support staff. The event also fostered networking opportunities, allowing staff from The Harbor and Tully House to build connections and share experiences together.

## **Family Services Statistics**

- 27 Residents Participated in Family Services Counseling
- 28 Residents Participated in InsideOut Dads® (IOD) Groups
- 30 Family Night Event Participants

#### **Upcoming Events**



**Family Night Event Every Tuesday at Tully House** 



**Alumni Meetings Scheduled** 

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#### **Editorial Column**

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

"In the month of June, we honor the historical significance of Juneteenth within our organization and Residential Community Reintegration Programs (RCRPs). We are committed to the freedom and equality of all individuals. Juneteenth provides an opportunity to educate our residents about the enduring struggle for civil rights, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of their own journeys throughout incarceration. Celebrating this day promotes a sense of unity and empowerment, reinforcing our commitment to creating safe, inclusive, and supportive environments for all individuals reentering society.

We understand the myriad challenges incarcerated persons face, from finding stable housing and employment to reconnecting with family and rebuilding their lives. Our programs are designed to address these challenges holistically, offering not only practical assistance but also emotional wellbeing and psychological support. By focusing on the whole person, we aim to foster lasting change and reduce recidivism, ultimately contributing to safer, stronger communities."









