



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.*

### Tully House Hosts Family Day Event

On August 17, 2024, Tully House hosted a Family Day event, offering a day of family reunification and celebration for our residents and their loved ones. This special gathering is designed to strengthen the support networks that are crucial to the reintegration process. Family Day serves as a reminder that the journey of reentry is not walked alone—family and community play a vital role in helping individuals rebuild their lives and create a path toward a positive future.

The Family Day event included a variety of activities focused on fostering togetherness and fun. From games to face-painting and shared meals, the event aims to provide a relaxed and safe environment where residents and their families can reconnect and enjoy each other's company outside of the regular visiting schedule. By bringing families together in a positive and supportive setting, we hope to inspire continued progress and success in our residents' reentry journeys.

### August Tully House Employment & Education Stats

54 Residents Employed Full-Time

18 Residents Actively Job Searching

2 Residents Enrolled in Post-Secondary Education

5 Residents Enrolled in Adult Basic Education

100% RV-TAPP Resident Participation Rate



### EHCA's New Emergency Rapid Rehousing Assistance Program

Education and Health Centers of America, Inc. (EHCA) is thrilled to announce the development and implementation of a new Emergency Rapid Re-Housing Assistance Program (ERRA), in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Corrections (NJDOC), Office of Community Engagement and Reintegration Initiatives, through FY24 NJLEAD grant funding. This innovative program aims to address the pressing issue of housing insecurity faced by individuals transitioning from incarceration back into the community. ERRA is designed to provide immediate, emergency, short-term housing assistance, with a focus on the first 90 days of release, ensuring that program participants have a safe and stable place to live while they work towards long-term, sustainable housing and other reintegration goals. In addition to temporary, short-term, emergency housing assistance, ERRA provides reentry case management and housing navigation services through a Reentry Support Specialist. By offering this critical emergency housing support, we hope to reduce the risk of recidivism and strengthen successful reintegration opportunities for returning citizens in the Newark Metro Area, consisting of Essex, Morris, Hudson, and Union counties in New Jersey.

On July 18, 2024, several representatives from EHCA attended the FY24 NJDOC NJLEAD Summit, a pivotal event that brought together leaders and innovators in the field of corrections and reentry programs throughout New Jersey. The summit served as a platform to recognize the FY24 NJLEAD grant funding recipients, highlighting new initiatives, and fostering collaboration among stakeholders committed to improving reentry outcomes. EHCA was honored to be part of this significant event, which emphasized the collective efforts needed to support individuals transitioning from incarceration back into society. We are eager to continue our longstanding partnership with the NJDOC to make a lasting impact in our communities.

## July Assessment Department Accolades

- 94 Assessment Reports Completed
- 103 Residents Classified by the NJDOC Classification Committee
- 120 Substance Use Disorder Screenings Conducted
- 172 Assessment Testing Instruments Administered to Residents

## InsideOut Dad® Graduations at Tully House & The Harbor

InsideOut Dad® programming is facilitated by the Family Services team at Tully House and The Harbor. It is an evidence-based program, backed by the National Fatherhood Initiative, that helps incarcerated fathers improve their parenting skills and strengthen their family ties. The curriculum reinforces the concept that incarcerated fathers play a unique and irreplaceable role in their children's lives.

Both Tully House and The Harbor celebrated InsideOut Dad® graduations in the months of July and August. The residents received completion certificates and the residents' families were invited to attend the graduation event. Refreshments were enjoyed by all attendees.

## August Family Services Statistics

- 23 Residents Participated in Family Services Counseling
- 40 Residents Participated in InsideOut Dads® (IOD) Groups
- 43 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,

"As summer nears its end, I am reminded of the incredible journey we are on at Education & Health Centers of America, Inc. (EHCA). Our mission to support individuals reentering society is more important than ever, and this summer, we have reaffirmed our commitment to changing lives.

In July, we introduced our new FY24 NJLEAD Emergency Rapid Rehousing Assistance Program (ERRA) and added a Reentry Support Specialist to our team. We also expanded our partnerships with community organizations and businesses to create more pathways for those reentering society.

At EHCA, we understand that reentry is not a one-time event, but an ongoing process. Each person who walks through our doors comes to us with a unique story. Our dedicated team works tirelessly to provide comprehensive resources, from licensed substance use disorder treatment to housing navigation services and job readiness education, ensuring that every individual has the tools they need to succeed in their reentry journey.

Together, we are creating a brighter future. Let's keep this momentum going as we move forward into the rest of the year with purpose and optimism."



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