



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 services to at-risk and underserved populations, including, but not limited to, individuals reentering the community from the criminal justice system, veterans in need, and those dealing with substance use issues. We provide our participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to lead a productive lifestyle prior to reintegration into their communities.

Veteran's Day at Tully House & The Harbor

Tully House and The Harbor recognized veteran residents with special events designed to celebrate their service and create a sense of camaraderie on Veteran's Day. Both programs aimed to show appreciation while fostering connection among the veteran population. At Tully House, veteran residents were given a special opportunity to enjoy a meal of their choice, with the program covering the cost of their order-out meal selection. This thoughtful gesture allowed residents to indulge in their favorite foods while reflecting on their service and the community's gratitude. Meanwhile, The Harbor hosted a spirited Veteran's Day cornhole tournament, bringing residents together for an afternoon of friendly competition and celebration. The event encouraged veterans to connect, laugh, and enjoy a well-deserved day of appreciation. Through these initiatives, both Tully House and The Harbor reinforced the importance of honoring those who served while continuing to build a supportive and inclusive environment for veteran residents.

October Employment & Education at Tully House

58 Residents Employed Full-Time

23 Residents Actively Job Searching

3 Residents Enrolled in Post-Secondary Education

5 Residents Enrolled in Adult Basic Education

100% RV-TAPP Resident Participation Rate



Staff Spotlight: Helen Adams

Helen Adams currently serves as a Case Manager for the Incarcerated Veterans Initiative (IVI). Helen joined Education & Health Centers of America, Inc. in 2019 with a wealth of experience, including thirty-two (32) years of correctional experience, with twenty-eight (28) years dedicated to aiding female incarcerated persons. While employed with the New Jersey Department of Corrections (NJDOC), Helen served as an Associate Administrator at Mid-State Correctional Facility (MSCF), East Jersey State Prison (EJSP), and the Adult Diagnostic & Treatment Center (ADTC), in addition to serving as the Assistant Superintendent of Edna Mahan for seven (7) years. As an Associate Administrator, Helen oversaw the establishment and implementation of facility and state-wide policies and procedures, ensuring operational effectiveness, quality, and safety. Furthermore, Helen has also provided over twenty (20) years of services to homeless mothers and their children.

Helen's significant accomplishments and accolades include: Graduating from Rutgers University, School of Social Work, with a Master's in Social Work Administration; overseeing the administration of several New Jersey Department of Corrections (NJDOC) facilities throughout the State; and providing key contributions to the development and success of the Incarcerated Veterans Initiative (IVI) program and various community initiatives.

Those who work alongside Helen often describe her as insightful, innovative, and inspiring. Helen's unwavering dedication is evident in her work, where she continues to exceed expectations and drive success within the IVI team. We are delighted to shine the spotlight on Helen Adams, whose commitment and expertise have made a lasting impact on our organization, clients, and community.

October Assessment Department Accolades

- 111 Assessment Reports Completed
- 104 Residents Classified by the NJDOC Classification Committee
- 137 Substance Use Disorder Screenings Conducted
- 129 Assessment Testing Instruments Administered to Residents

Book Drive at The Harbor to Support Family Reintegration

The Harbor recently hosted a children's book drive as part of its ongoing family reintegration initiatives. The book drive is designed to foster connection and learning, allowing the children of Harbor residents to select donated books during program visits to take home and enjoy. The initiative creates opportunities for meaningful interactions between fathers and their children through the shared experience of storytelling and reading. The simple act of gifting a book allows fathers to contribute to their children's growth and learning, even while away from home. The Harbor is currently accepting donations of new and gently used children's books to support the initiative. These contributions will help ensure that every child visiting The Harbor leaves with a treasured book and a tangible reminder of their father's love.

September Family Services Statistics

- 25 Residents Participated in Family Services Counseling
- 31 Residents Participated in InsideOut Dads® (IOD) Groups
- 26 Family Night Event Participants

Upcoming Events



Family Night Event Every Tuesday at Tully House



Alumni Meetings Held Monthly

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Editorial Column

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

"As the crisp air of autumn settles in, I am reminded of the transformative power of change. The fall season symbolizes transition and growth, much like the journey our residents undertake in our programs. It is during these moments of transformational change that we find opportunities to reflect, celebrate progress, and set new goals for the future.

This season, we've seen incredible transformations across our programs. From heartwarming family reintegration initiatives like the children's book drive at The Harbor to moments of celebration and gratitude, such as our Veteran's Day events, these efforts showcase the dedication of our staff and the resilience of our residents. Each initiative underscores our commitment to fostering meaningful reintegration into the community.

As we move forward, we remain steadfast in our belief that every individual has the capacity for positive change. I encourage all of us to continue embracing the spirit of renewal that this season inspires. Together, we can build on our successes, adapt to new challenges, and create an even stronger foundation for those we serve. Let us remain united in our shared mission to create brighter futures for all."



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