



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.*

### NJLEAD Reentry Expo Held at Tully House

On January 23, 2025, EHCA's Emergency Rapid Rehousing Assistance Program (ERRA) Reentry Support Specialist (RSS), Kellyann Bishop-Siland, successfully organized and facilitated an NJLEAD Reentry Expo at Tully House, bringing together key community stakeholders to support individuals transitioning back into the community. This impactful event was held in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Corrections (NJDOC), Division of Programs and Reintegration Services, Office of Community Engagement and Reintegration Initiatives (CERI). The Reentry Expo served as a vital resource hub, connecting returning citizens with essential services. During the event, residents had the opportunity to engage with representatives from various NJLEAD providers, gaining valuable insight into the resources available to support their reintegration journey. As we continue our efforts in 2025, we remain committed to strengthening reentry services throughout the state of New Jersey that support successful community transitions.

### January Employment & Education at Tully House

- 54 Residents Employed Full-Time
- 14 Residents Actively Job Searching
- 3 Residents Enrolled in Post-Secondary Education
- 108 Residents with High School Diploma/Equivalent
- 100% RV-TAPP Resident Participation Rate



### Recognizing Longstanding Staff Achievements

In December, we had the privilege of recognizing several longstanding EHCA staff members whose dedication and commitment have been instrumental to the success of our Residential Community Reintegration Programs (RCRPs). These individuals have consistently gone above and beyond to support our residents, providing guidance, encouragement, and a sense of stability throughout their reintegration journeys. Their years of service reflect not only their professional excellence but also their deep passion for making a difference in the lives of others.

We honored staff members who have reached significant milestones with over 20 years of service to the organization. Their leadership and unwavering dedication have helped shape a positive and supportive environment within our facilities.

Medical Director, Dr. Stephen Manocchio, was honored with a 30-year Service Award. Tully House Director, Michael Oliver, was honored with a 25-year Service Award. Tully House Deputy Director, Ronald Morrison, was honored with a 25-year Service Award. The Harbor Operations Manager, Omer Jackson III, was honored with a 23-year Service Award.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to these outstanding team members for their hard work and commitment. Their impact reaches far beyond the workplace, influencing not just the residents they serve but also their colleagues and the broader reentry community. As we move into the new year, we celebrate their achievements and look forward to their continued contributions in helping incarcerated persons successfully transition back into society. Thank you for your service, dedication, and we recognize the lasting impact you have made on so many lives over the years.

## January Assessment Department Accolades at Harbor

- 126 Assessment Reports Completed
- 99 Residents Classified by the NJDOC Classification Committee
- 95 Substance Use Disorder Screenings Conducted
- 166 Assessment Testing Instruments Administered to Residents

### Alumni Dinner

Alumni Services hosted its annual dinner in December bringing together current residents and program Alumni for an evening of connection and inspiration. This special event provides an opportunity for residents to engage with Alumni volunteers who have successfully reintegrated into society, offering firsthand insight into the challenges and triumphs of reentry. Over a shared meal, alumni volunteers highlighted their journeys, provided mentorship, and encouraged residents to stay committed to their goals. The annual dinner reinforces the message that successful reintegration is possible with perseverance and support. As we continue this tradition, we look forward to strengthening Alumni engagement and ensuring that our current residents have access to a network of guidance for their own reentry success.

### 2024 Annual Review of Family Services Statistics

- 262 Residents Participated in Family Services Counseling in 2024
- 362 Residents Participated in InsideOut Dads® (IOD) in 2024
- 378 Total Family Night Event Participants in 2024

### 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,

“December and January have been a time of growth, support, and meaningful change for our residents, staff, and community partners. The holiday season was particularly special, as we recognized the contributions of several longstanding staff members, and we were able to provide special celebrations for the residents in our care. We continue to strengthen our partnerships with community stakeholders, advocating for policies and programs that provide second chances and reduce recidivism. We are actively working on expanding temporary emergency housing and transitional housing opportunities throughout the state of New Jersey through the NJLEAD Emergency Rapid Rehousing Assistance (ERRA) Program, Incarcerated Veterans Initiative (IVI), and Veteran Resource Program (VRP), ensuring that residents leave our programs with both stability and a sense of purpose. As we look ahead to 2025, we remain focused on innovation and collaboration, ensuring that our residents have access to the resources they need to succeed. The continued dedication of our staff, volunteers, and community partners is what makes our programs thrive, and I am deeply grateful for each of you. Thank you for being a part of this journey with us.”



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