



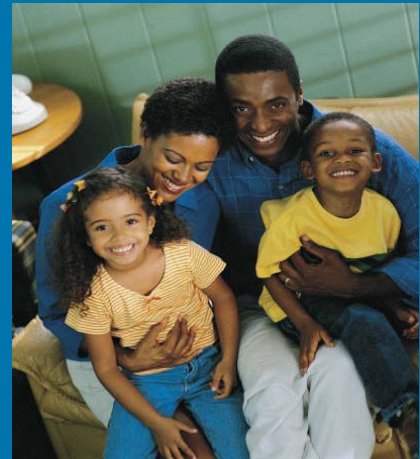
New Jersey



Association on Correction

2009-2010 ANNUAL REPORT

Helping People with a Past ...



Build a Future

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



*Dr. Charley Flint
Board President*



*James Hemm
Executive Director*

As we approach our organization's fiftieth birthday, it is appropriate that we reflect on our triumphs, as well as, the tasks ahead. For more than four decades, the New Jersey Association on Correction has been a lead agency for thousands of people in need. People with HIV/AIDS, homeless folks, offenders, formerly incarcerated, addicts, battered women, and crime victims have all come to rely upon the variety of services we offer.

The Association strives to provide the most cost-effective humane services to these individuals in need, partly in an effort to convince State leadership that community-based programs are usually more effective than large institutions. Our work is made possible due to the professionalism of our staff, the work of our Board of Trustees, the support of our funders, and the generosity of our members and contributors.

Our on-going programs continue to be a source of pride and accomplishment. We have also launched new projects which have been added to the family of services we offer. All expectations are that Jennie's Place will open shortly in Newark. This project will be comprised of eight units of permanent, affordable, supportive housing for low income women on parole. The women to be served will have exited the criminal justice system and are homeless and have a disability, such as a mental health diagnosis, substance abuse history or AIDS. This federally-funded HUD project is limited to clients in Essex County.

Also in Newark, NJAC has initiated a Specialized Reentry Program for Women. The SRPW provides transitional housing for up to ten women on parole, along with a community resource center for an additional twenty adult females. The goal of the program is to assist women with stable housing, employment, education, vocational and daily living skills in order to decrease recidivism rates within the community. Meanwhile in Paterson, we have completely renovated a long fallow property on 28th Street, and the building is now ready to house our next and newest program, which will support single women and/or women with young children who have survived domestic violence.

Our project, the New Jerseyans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, has received funding to assist abolition efforts nationwide. Additionally, this project provides a foundation for surviving relatives of homicide victims to organize to secure enhanced social services for this too often neglected population. NJADP will also continue to work for enhanced compensation for exonerees and to fight any legislative attempts to reinstate capital punishment in the Garden State.

The Association was one of the leaders in a campaign to pass prisoner reentry proposals in the state Legislature at the end of 2009. Many of the historic measures were enacted in the waning days of then-Governor Jon Corzine's term. They included: lifting the felony drug ban on TANF and food stamps; prohibiting housing female inmates in male institutions; requiring the placement of prisoners in facilities as close as possible to family; strengthening bonds between incarcerated mothers and their children; and enhancing in-prison educational programs, among other reforms. The work will continue during the Christie Administration to oversee implementation of these measures, resist attempts in the Legislature to water them down, and to push for the bills that are valuable yet did not pass in the last legislative term.

Our society has a love/hate relationship with prisons and jails. We vote for politicians who promise longer sentences but we know that incarceration is the most expensive and inefficient way to deal with a crime problem. We want more prisons, but not in our communities; and we certainly don't want to pay for them. In a recent documentary aired on public television, it was noted that 372,000 families moved west to claim land in response to the Homestead Act of 1862. The nation was profoundly changed as a result. How might our country be similarly affected by the removal of hundreds of thousands of mostly people of color from their families and communities by the criminal justice system?

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2009 ANNUAL MEETING

Focus on Financial Literacy

Panel discussion directed by Emanuel CDC Financial Literacy Resource Center whose goal it is to assist low-income individuals and families to acquire skills for changing financial behaviors.

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARDS



Sheila Linday
Ruth Haines
Deshonda Rudolph
Qasim Nathari
Glen Lawhorn
Tiffany Chavis
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Ten Year Recognition Awards



Edward Martone
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Five Year Recognition Awards

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Two Year Recognition Awards

Migdalia Acevedo-Cuevas
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Denise Henry

John Hunter II
Kenya Johnson
Carol Rogers
Charlita Rogers
Karen Stallings
Debra Teel
Sandra York

2008-2009 Award Winners

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S AWARD

Hawthorne DVRT Team

Has been providing services to victims of domestic violence in the Hawthorne community since 2002.

Churchhill Furniture

Donated all the necessary furnishings for PCWC Transitional Housing Program.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Phenomenal Grandmothers

Have consistently contributed to PCWC for over 2 years. These dedicated grandmothers have gone above and beyond to help NJAC's clients through pillow drives, holiday parties, holiday gifts for the clients, and household

SANDRA VAUTERS AWARD

Darlene Posey

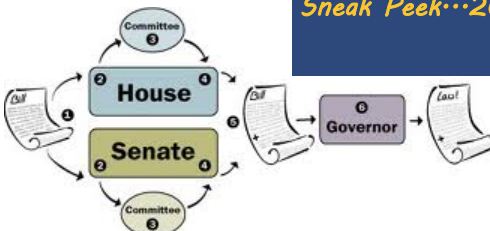
A Bates House graduate, Ms. Posey went on to graduate from Elijah Promise Culinary School. After graduating, she obtained a job at Bates House as a cook. She then took CADC classes, which led her to the Straight and Narrow organization to assist people with their addiction problems.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Christine Volm

For her hard work and dedication she has put into coordinating the annual CCWC Dessert Night.

Sneak Peek...2009-2010 Annual Meeting



Assemblywoman Bonnie Watson Coleman, sponsor of the groundbreaking legislation that aims to save money and reduce recidivism among former prisoners by implementing a series of administrative and legislative changes. Almost a year after these bills were signed into law, we take a look to see what progress has been made

in the initial implementation of these important laws.

Residential Programs

(SANFORD) BATES HOUSE

Also known as the Parole and Aftercare Transitional House (PATH), this is a 20 bed residential program in New Brunswick that assists male homeless parolees with positive reintegration back into the community through assistance with finding permanent housing and other activities that reduce their risk of criminal recidivism.

The **Transitional Housing Program (THP)** is a continuum of Sanford Bates House and offers affordable housing, a supportive environment, group counseling and case management to eight graduates.

BROUGHTON HOUSE

A 25 bed residential pre-release program in Newark that assists men with HIV and other special needs with positive reintegration back into the community through activities that reduce their risk of criminal recidivism.

CAMDEN COUNTY SCATTERED SITES PROGRAM

A subsidized permanent housing program for 10 families with at least one HIV-positive resident. A Case Manager works with each family to maintain stable housing within each of ten units within the community.

CAMDEN COUNTY WOMEN'S CENTER (CCWC)



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER

A sixty-day confidential shelter in Camden County for up to thirty women and children that have become homeless as a result of leaving a domestic violence situation and also serves as the location for the 24-hour hotline.

Pictured above, the CCWC held a ground breaking ceremony in October 2009 to celebrate their new playground that was made possible by funding and volunteers from the Gloucester Township Rotary Club.

(WINIFRED) CANRIGHT HOUSE

A 12-18 month residential program in Asbury Park that assists up to eighteen HIV positive men recover from addiction, improve their health care, and stabilize in the community.

CLINTON HOUSE

Clinton House offers up to forty incarcerated men the opportunity to serve the final months prior to their parole in a community setting. Residents are afforded the opportunity to re-adjust to community life as taxpayers, responsible fathers, husbands and supportive family members. Employment is the cornerstone of this work release program where residents are required to be gainfully employed and/or attending college or an approved training program while at Clinton House.



In the last year, men completed vocational training programs in computerized accounting, culinary arts and painting. Thirty-eight (38) residents were enrolled in training and education programs. Twenty-six (26) full-time and twelve (12) part-time students enrolled in GED and college level studies in the social sciences, web and video gaming design and liberal arts courses. Ninety-three (93) men obtained full-time employment and thirty-eight (38) men secured part-time jobs while residents of Clinton House last fiscal year.

ESSEX WOMEN'S TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

This program provides 10 women who would otherwise be homeless after leaving prison with transitional housing to assist in their reintegration process. Residents are all participants in the Essex County Day Reporting Center. Women in transition are taught life skills that are needed to be successful members of the community.

(MILLICENT) FENWICK HOUSE

Millicent Fenwick House is a 50 bed residential pre-release program in Paterson that assists women with a history of substance abuse and or domestic violence with positive reintegration back into the community through activities that reduce their risk of criminal recidivism.

This year has brought many changes to MFH. With the addition of a new full time treatment director, our programming has evolved into an individualistic client centered approach to services. Our major achievement for the year was the successful accreditation process for CARF!

PASSAIC COUNTY WOMEN'S CENTER (PCWC) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER

The PCWC shelter is designed to offer temporary emergency services to victims of domestic and their children. In addition to housing and feeding up to 10 families at a time, shelter services include case management, advocacy, support groups, and children's programming. The goal is to provide a safe place for the women to reflect on their situation and explore options to start a violence-free life. *In FY09/10 PCWC responded to 2977 hotline calls and sheltered 70 women and their 113 children fleeing domestic violence.*

Non-Residential Programs

CCWC OUTREACH CENTER

Serves as the center for non-residential support services to survivors of domestic violence in Camden County and includes counseling, referrals, legal advocacy, community education, support groups, and accompaniment to hospitals, police, and courts.

CCWC is now home to the Domestic Violence Liaison Program Domestic Violence Liaisons are domestic violence specialists, co-located at the DYFS Local offices, who provide on-site case consultation, support and advocacy for the non offending parents and their children.

The purpose is to increase the safety, stability and well-being of the children and their non offending parents in domestic violence situations and to strengthen DCF/DYFS capacity to provide effective assessment and intervention for families in domestic violence situations.



CORRECTIONAL AIDS PROJECT (CAP)

CAP provides proper counseling and discharge planning to HIV positive inmates that are being paroled or maxing out of correctional facilities throughout the State of New Jersey. Inmates sometimes find it difficult to get back on their feet after exiting correctional facilities, and being HIV positive can only add to the re-integration process. Contacting doctors, housing facilities and other resources that are needed to live a healthy HIV positive life can be difficult. Case Managers at the CAP Program are skilled in assisting the ex-offender population with services that make "getting out" easier.

The CAP program serviced 57 clients last fiscal year. 44% of inmates released (11) completed the program and were engaged in services to improve health outcomes and reduce risk of transmission.

ESSEX COUNTY WOMEN'S DAY REPORTING CENTER:

In operation since late 2006, this program provides an array of services to 20 female ex-offenders in their reintegration process. Program participants are provided with opportunities to gain employment and employment skills, and increase their educational, vocational and technical skill sets. They are also assisted in developing life skills, life management, coping skills and making positive community contacts in Essex County.



PALS Program (Peace A Learned Solution)

P.A.L.S. is operational in both Passaic and Camden Counties and targets youth ages 4-12 that have been exposed to domestic violence, either as victims or witnesses. The program utilizes music therapy, art therapy, play therapy and other expressive therapies to facilitate children's recovery from their traumatic experiences. The goals of all the expressive therapies are to enable children to gain mastery over their feelings that are affecting behaviors and

performance in educational and social environments.

PCWC OUTREACH CENTER

PCWC Outreach office serves as the center for non-residential services to survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence in Passaic County. These services include individual and group counseling, coordination of all county domestic violence response teams, education and prevention, social service and legal advocacy as well as providing accompaniment and support for rape victims during hospital examinations.

PCWC continues to provide culturally relevant services to this diverse county's population. Our Libre de Violencia Project provides staff to work closely with the Hispanic Information Center of Passaic. Paterson is home to the second largest Arab-American population in the country and our newest project, the Arab-American Outreach Project, provides similar services to this community. Also new this year is the Domestic Violence Liaison, who provides a vital link between our program and the county DYFS offices. In FY09/10 we provided services to 1245 domestic violence and sexual assault victims.



The PUBLIC EDUCATION AND POLICY PROGRAM

Focuses on tracking legislative action affecting NJAC populations and advocating for those policies that advance the mission of the Association, as well as educating the public, through media and other mediums, about criminal justice and related issues.

New Jerseyans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty also continues to be operated through NJAC. Although the death penalty has been successfully abolished in New Jersey, the NJADP has received funding to assist abolition efforts nationwide as well as to work on projects that provide support for surviving relatives of homicide victims

RESOURCE CENTERS

Walk-in centers in New Brunswick, Asbury Park, and Lakewood assists offenders and ex-offenders with meeting emergency needs, becoming productive citizens, and stabilizing in the community. The goal of the Resource Centers are to help individuals with the re-entry process. Some of the main services the center offers are assistance with gaining identification, obtaining gainful employment, and finding an affordable place to live.

Project Reunion is a program of the New Brunswick Resource Center which assists offenders, ex-offenders and other parents in need of support with parenting skills training and facilitates positive interactions between parents and children separated due to incarceration.

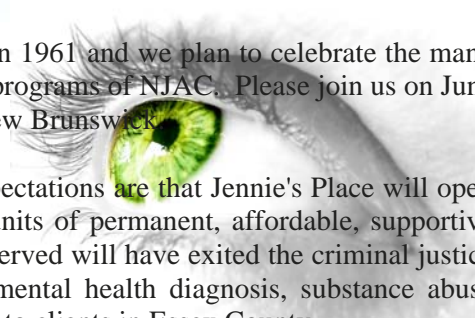


Future Outlook



⇒ NJAC 50 Year Anniversary GALA

It has been almost 50 years since NJAC's inception in 1961 and we plan to celebrate the many individuals that have changed their lives through the programs of NJAC. Please join us on June 10, 2011 from 7:00pm-12:00am at The Heldrich in New Brunswick.

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- ⇒ **Jennie's Place:** Renovations have been completed and all expectations are that Jennie's Place will open shortly in Newark. This project will be comprised of eight units of permanent, affordable, supportive housing for low income women on parole. The women to be served will have exited the criminal justice system and are homeless and have a disability, such as a mental health diagnosis, substance abuse history or AIDS. This federally-funded HUD project is limited to clients in Essex County.
 - ⇒ **PCWC Transitional Housing:** This program is ready for occupancy, once the funding is secured to cover ongoing operational costs. We have several committed funders and continue to solicit others. Residents will live in a congregate living environment and will have access to case management services, including advocacy, accompaniment, community referrals, transportation assistance, assistance with DYFS/DCF cases, individual and group therapy, parenting skills classes, budget planning and other needed services to assist them in finding permanent housing while remaining safe. Their length of stay will range from 6-18 months.
 - ⇒ **Parole Aftercare and Transitional Housing (PATH)** is in the process of being duplicated in Perth Amboy for women ex-offenders. Similar to Sanford Bates House, the facility will house 20 ex-offenders who are homeless and provide case management services.
 - ⇒ **Specialized Reentry Program for Women (SRPW)**, located in Newark, is recently opened and provides transitional housing for up to ten women on parole, along with a community resource center for an additional twenty adult females. The goal of the program is to assist women with stable housing, employment, education, vocational and daily living skills in order to decrease recidivism rates within the community.

"We hope that these laws will benefit the community and reduce the recidivism that has plagued our system for far too long. We must help our loved ones right the wrongs of their pasts and move forward to a brighter future, in which they have the opportunity to go to school, work, or begin building families so that they may lead happier lives. With some luck and help from God, we will be able to help men and women return to society and become productive and valuable members of the community."

*Bonnie Watson Coleman
Assemblywoman, 15th District
Speaking about re-entry bills signed
into law in January 2010*

Thank You to our 2009-2010 FUNDING PARTNERS

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CSBG Program

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NJAC MISSION STATEMENT



To promote social justice and human dignity in the policies and institutions which govern offenders and victims of crime through educational, legislative, and rehabilitative programs.

NJAC PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

NJAC believes that, although individuals are sometimes caught in circumstances beyond their control, they are capable of making change in their lives and being re-directed to more positive behaviors when provided with the tools necessary to do so. We also believe that people are best served in a respectful and dignified manner in the community, rather than in an institutional setting, in order to reach their highest potential for independent living.

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