

NJAC Program Locations

A Statewide Impact



Passaic County Women's Center

(973) 881-0725

www.passaiccountywomenscenter.org

Millicent Fenwick House

(973) 278-7205

Jennie's Place

(973) 881-1450

Essex County

Middlesex County

Mercer County

Passaic County

Sanford Bates House/PATH

(732) 846-7220

Middlesex Resource Center Middlesex Reentry Program Transitional Housing Program

(732) 247-2770

Administrative Offices (609) 396-8900

Clinton House

(609) 503-4664

Winifred Canright House C.A.P.

(732) 988-0260

Monmouth County

Camden County Women's Center **Camden Scattered Sites Project**

(856) 963-5668

www.camdencountywomenscenter.org

Camden County

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New Jersey Association on Correction

2015-2016 Annual Report

Helping people with a past, build a future.



World of Hope

New Mural at Camden County Women's Center

NJAC

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Message from the Board President and Executive Director



As we enter our 56th year, NJAC continues to stay true to our founding values of social justice and human dignity; supporting programs that create opportunities and greater equity for those that have been individually and systematically oppressed.



This year we were able to locate staff inside the Middlesex County Adult Correctional Facility (aka jail) to conduct discharge planning

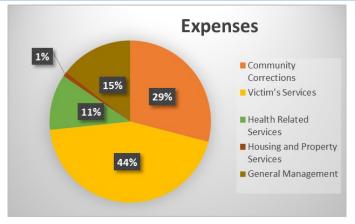
with inmates preparing for release. This important move increases linkages to our Resource Center, substance abuse services, housing providers, and others so that exoffenders are less likely to relapse and/or recidivate when they get out; a great relief to families and communities, and a major savings to the tax payer.

Our sexual assault services at Passaic County Women's Center were also expanded to include the hiring of a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Prevention Specialist, which allowed for expansion of sexual assault services including an additional 232 counseling sessions to survivors and 40 dating violence prevention sessions to adolescents.

Clinton House re-opened in March 2016, after being closed for almost a year due to renovations following a fire. We welcomed 59 new residents into the program in the last four months of the fiscal year and are pleased to again be facilitating positive reentry in Mercer County.

We could not have succeeded in this work without the support of our donors, board members, staff, volunteers, and many others and for this we thank you.

Financials for year ending 6/30/2016



Community Corrections	Victim's Services	Health- related Services	Housing and Property services	General Management	TOTAL
2,074,810	3,167,023	795,912	68,190	1,040,123	7,146,058



Grants and Contracts	Client Fees	Contri- butions	Rental Income		Fund- raising Income	Prop- erty	Other Income	Total
6,230,748	31,821	85,532	189,061	8066	17,755	12,737	386,243	6,971,610

Community Partners

Over \$1,000,000

NJ Department of Children & Families NJ Department of Corrections

\$500,000-1,000,000

NJ Department of Health and Senior Services NJ State Parole Board

\$100,000-\$500,000

NJ Department of Community Affairs NJ Department of Law and Public Safety

\$25,000-\$100,000

Middlesex County Department of Human Services

\$10,000-\$25,000

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Virtua
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Many thanks also to individual donors, those that have attended fundraising events and the many businesses who have donated their time or products to further the mission of NJAC programs!

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FUNDRAISING EVENTS



Camden County Women's Center
Dessert Night 2016
Laura Marker & Sheila Lindsay



Passaic County Women's Center
Purple Ball 2016
Hawthorne DVRT

Our IMPACT this year

Reentry Services



123 ex-offenders successfully transitioned from prison to the community through NJAC residential reentry programs in New Brunswick, Trenton, and Paterson.

4123 visits by former offenders and others in need resulted in being provided a mailing address, using the phone, obtaining ID, and/or case management that led to greater self-sufficiency in New Brunswick.

\$4172 was paid towards fines, penalties and restitution; **\$8330** in child support; and **\$14,096** paid in taxes by working inmates in reentry programs.

8 female ex-offenders had permanent and stable housing in Newark.

Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services

161 adult victims of domestic violence and their 318 children spent a cumulative total of 16,695 nights in safe shelter in Passaic and Camden Counties.

2671 survivors of domestic violence received legal advocacy, counseling, and or other support in the community to leading to being more informed and empowered.

413 survivors of sexual assault received counseling and other supports to help heal from this traumatic experience.

133 children healed from the trauma of witnessing violence through art therapy programming.



Decorated door winner at CCWC!

Health and Housing

68 ex-offenders with HIV received navigation assistance and were able to access healthcare and medications following release from prison.

27 men with chronic health conditions had stable transitional housing and improved health status in Asbury Park.

10 households with a member with a chronic health condition had stable permanent housing in Camden County.

WHY We Do What We Do

Facilitating successful reentry...



NJAC has always known that it is a worthwhile endeavor to invest in men and women that have been involved in the criminal justice system. Without housing, job skills, employment, substance abuse and mental health support, and positive community connections, over half

(53%) will be re-arrested within three years (NJDOC). NJAC offers these and other critical supports so that fewer taxes go to support people in jail and prison, communities are safer, and individuals are able to live productive and healthier lives.

Promoting safety and empowerment...

There were **8823** domestic violence offenses in Passaic and Camden Counties in 2014 (NJSP, UCR.) NJAC understands the devastating emotional impact to adult victims of violence, as well as the children who witness it. With safe shelter, a better understanding of the dynamics of domestic violence, information about legal options, and counseling and safety planning, those that have been victimized at the hands of an intimate partner are able to plan for a safer future.

Stable housing ...

New Jersey has the sixth highest rental costs in the nation, with the average two -bedroom requiring an hourly wage of

\$26.52 (National Low Income Housing Coalition). In January 2017, the minimum wage in NJ increased six cents to \$8.44/hour. This is far below what is necessary, even for a two-parent family working full-time, to afford an average apartment.

NJAC operates nine housing programs (including 18 permanent

WHY We Do What We Do

units) that allow people time to build skills and access other resources that will lead to the ability to afford a decent place to live. *Getting creative...*

Given the difficulties many of our clients face largely as a result of growing up in poverty, from low educational and literacy levels to having felonies, eviction, and bankruptcies on their record, NJAC is seeking out creative solutions!

Often times our clients are barred from traditional sources of financing, so we are developing a microloan program that provides access to small loans that can lead to greater stability, such as seeding the operations of a small business, covering a rental deposit, or buying a car to get to work. They also struggle to obtain and maintain employment with a livable wage for the same reasons. NJAC is in the planning stages of establishing several social enterprise endeavors that will provide a source of paid employment and training to clients and serve as a pipeline to their own entrepreneurial endeavor or permanent employment. Stay tuned!

Policy Solutions...

NJAC has a strong awareness of the impact of policy on New Jersey's most vulnerable

populations. That's why we work with other groups and coalitions to advocate for public policies that make both practical and ethical sense, like the comprehensive Bail Reform legislation (S946/A1910), which goes into effect on January1, 2017. Research found that the vast majority of people incarcerated in New Jersey county jails are awaiting trial (have not been found guilty or convicted of a crime) and remain in jail for an average of ten months. Many could be safely released pending trial, but their inability to afford bail made this impossible. Thanks to bail reform, a person will be detained based on their risk to society, not their ability to pay.