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The mission of the Mental Health Association is to promote mental health, including the integration of physical healthcare, to improve the care and treatment of individuals with mental illness, and to remove the stigma associated with emotional and mental disorders.

We, as a community organization, accomplish our mission through advocacy, education, prevention, early intervention, treatment, and service.



Justice Services

Collaborative

For incarcerated individuals living with a mental illness.

ESSEX COUNTY

MORRIS COUNTY





Collaborative Justice Services

Collaborative Justice Services (CJS) provides effective discharge planning, linkage, and referral to community resources for nonviolent offenders with mental illness who re-enter the community following release from the Essex or Morris County Correctional Systems and municipal jails.

CJS advocates on behalf of those consumers who are rightfully incarcerated to ensure that they receive necessary and appropriate treatment and medication during their tenure in jail.

In addition, the program works with local law enforcement officers to train them on how to safely and effectively interact with individuals with mental illness who may be in crisis.



GOALS

The goal of CJS is to reduce incarcerations and increase access and linkage to mental health and social services.



ELIGIBILITY

- Incarcerated adults within the Essex County Correctional Facility and/or Morris County Correctional Facility, who are diagnosed with a persistent mental illness.
- Detained individuals, diagnosed with a mental illness, who are in municipal jails.
- Mental Health consumers who are not incarcerated, but who are at risk for incarceration due to criminal involvement or prior incarceration.



How We Help

The CJS team works with mental health and social services staff at the county and municipal jails to assist with discharge planning, as well as working with probation and the courts to ensure the individuals participation with court mandates.