

## Bridgeway Launches New Center for Integrated Behavioral Health Care In Hoboken

HOBOKEN, N.J., May 30, 2023 – Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services, New Jersey's leading nonprofit behavioral health organization, has announced the opening of The Center for Integrated Behavioral Health Care at 506 3rd Street in Hoboken. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at noon presided by Hoboken Mayor Ravi S. Bhalla.

Bridgeway's Center for Integrated Behavioral Health Care is a one-stop resource for behavioral and physical health needs for residents of all ages in Hudson County. It is a multi-disciplinary center that provides necessary treatment for those with the most serious, complex mental health conditions and substance use disorders, complete with physical health screening. Bridgeway's PACT services (Program for Assertive Community Treatment) and Crisis Intervention Services, currently located in Jersey City, will become part of the services offered at The Center.

The Center addresses issues cited by the Hudson County Needs Assessment 2020 report that identified healthcare, mental health for children and mental health for adults among the most prevalent needs for County residents. The report also cited language barriers preventing access to health care. Many of the Center's staff are bi-lingual Spanish speaking, and it has a language line available, so no one is turned away due to language barriers.

The Center accepts Medicaid, Medicare, and many third-party insurers. Individuals with no insurance will be seen, and no one is ever turned away based on their ability to pay. The program also assists in paying for medication for those who cannot pay and access to transportation to receive services.

"When I began to serve Hudson County as Director of Crisis Intervention Services about 9 years ago, I knew that the services Bridgeway was delivering were critically needed. Being able to walk-in to our site and receive almost immediate mental health care was a game changer for thousands of adults," said Stephanie Simon, Bridgeway's Vice President of Outpatient Services. "Now that crisis services is colocating with outpatient counseling, substance use care, physical health screening, and care coordination services for all ages, we are really taking whole-person care to a new level at 'The Center' in Hoboken."

"I want to express deep appreciation on behalf of the leadership of Bridgeway for all the people who contributed to making The Center for Integrated Behavioral Health Care possible in Hoboken. We pledge to serve the residents of Hudson County with rapid, easily accessible mental health and substance use disorder care, treating each individual as a whole person," says Bridgeway CEO Cory Storch.

## **About Bridgeway**

For more than 50 years, Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services has helped New Jerseyans recover from conditions related to mental illness, co-occurring physical health challenges, and substance use. Bridgeway delivers individualized around-the-clock crisis intervention, outpatient services, and holistic mental health care, including access to physical health screening services. Bridgeway services are available in ten northern New Jersey counties. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.bridgewaybhs.org">www.bridgewaybhs.org</a> or call 877-692-5664.

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