

## **Woods System of Care and Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services Announce Plan to Affiliate**

*The partnership will increase access to behavioral health services for individuals in New Jersey and boost access to services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and autism.*

LANGHORNE, PA (June 20, 2023) – Woods Services, Inc. and Woods Resources, Inc. (Woods System of Care) and Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services (Bridgeway) are pleased to announce their intent to affiliate. The proposed affiliation has been approved by the organizations’ boards and is subject to approval by New Jersey regulatory agencies. When approved, Woods System of Care will employ 6,500 people and serve close to 27,000 individuals.

The Woods System of Care is headquartered in Langhorne, Pa., with 10 affiliates and joint ventures in Pennsylvania and New Jersey that provide lifetime integrated services for more than 22,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities, autism, and /or mental health challenges who may also have complex medical and genetic conditions. Services include mental and physical healthcare, education, housing and residential treatment, and workforce development.

Bridgeway, headquartered in Union, New Jersey, serves more than 4,000 people each year in crisis intervention programs and psychiatric screening in 10 counties in northern New Jersey.

Upon approval of the affiliation, Bridgeway will join Woods’ three other New Jersey affiliates — Legacy Treatment Services, Allies, Inc., and Archway Programs — in plans to enhance and expand behavioral health services in northern New Jersey, adding to the coverage Legacy provides in central and southern New Jersey.

“Woods and Bridgeway have explored an affiliation over the past several years. We are pleased today to announce that with the approval of our boards, we are a step closer to partnering to expand programs significantly over the coming years to serve individuals with behavioral healthcare needs in New Jersey,” said Tine Hansen-Turton, president & CEO, Woods Services, Woods Resources, and Woods System of Care.

“Bridgeway’s collaboration enables us to work together to serve even more individuals who seek behavioral healthcare services,” added Cory Storch, president and CEO of Bridgeway.

Through this affiliation, the organizations will be able to serve thousands of additional people. It will allow both organizations to create new programs and expand existing ones. Bridgeway will benefit from the back-office and shared-services capacity of Woods System of Care as well as Woods’ strategic, operational, legal, and programmatic guidance. Woods, in turn, will expand its footprint across all of New Jersey, grow its behavioral health and IDD/A programs, and gain expertise from Bridgeway’s staff and leadership.

“The skills and expertise of Bridgeway’s leadership complement Woods’ leadership, which will greatly enhance the capacity of the system as a whole,” said Bridgeway’s board chairperson and treasurer, Joseph Perez. There is enormous potential for growth.

“Our organizations and organizational cultures are aligned, which strengthens our ability to provide much-needed, person-centered care to an underserved population,” said Barry Sharer, Woods Services board chair.

The organizations anticipate receiving regulatory approval within the next several months and will quickly formalize the affiliation afterward.

### **About Woods System of Care**

To ensure lifelong care and supports for the individuals its serves, Woods Services created the Woods System of Care – a network of affiliate organizations located in Pennsylvania and New Jersey that includes Abilities of Northwest Jersey; Allies, Inc.; Archway Programs; Legacy Treatment Services; Tabor Services; and Woods Community at Brian’s House. Through this collaboration, the Woods System of Care provides lifelong care and supports by providing comprehensive and integrated health, education, housing, workforce development, behavioral health, and case management services. Woods applies a population health management strategy that includes the integration of primary and specialty medical care with behavioral health to 22,000 individuals in the intellectual and developmental disability and behavioral health public health sectors who have complex medical and behavioral health care needs.

Founded in 1913 by Philadelphia schoolteacher Mollie Woods to advance the quality of life and standard of care for individuals with disabilities, Woods continues this mission today. For more information, please visit [woods.org](http://woods.org).

### **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 whole-person care, including individualized around-the-clock crisis intervention, outpatient services, and case management. Bridgeway services are available in 10 northern New Jersey counties. For more information, please visit [www.bridgewaybhs.org](http://www.bridgewaybhs.org) or call 877-692-5664.

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