

**Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services**

Special Populations  
Awarded: November 16, 2022

**Name of Program:** Special Populations

**Purpose:** The Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services issued the following funding awards to provide direct services, reach specialized populations that are often underserved, help to assist those that may benefit from services, and those that may be in crisis.

The awardees are as follows:

<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>CEO / EX. DIRECTOR</b>	<b>Annualized Amount Funded</b>	<b># of unduplicated consumers</b>	<b>County and Type of Award</b>	<b>Population (s) to be Served or Service to be Provided</b>
Bright Harbor Healthcare	Kim Veith	\$148,059	100	Ocean (MH)	Mental health services for LGBTQ+ adult community
Bergen New Bridge Medical Center	Deborah Visconi	\$150,000	400	Bergen (SUD)	Service Coordination Expansion (SCE) OP SUD & MH Treatment Medication Assisted Treatment Individual & Group Therapy Psychiatric Services Medication Management Short Term Residential Co-occurring Substance Abuse Treatment
Care Plus Bergen	Deborah Visconi	\$150,000	100	Bergen (MH)	Integration Bridge Initiative providing access to LCSW / LCADC (dually licensed clinician) to bridge the GAP between emergency department discharge and access the next community-based level of care.
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen	Julio Coto	\$150,000	240	Middlesex (MH)	Outpatient Mental Health Services Outpatient Counseling and Crisis Management Services to individuals who are Black, Indigenous, Persons of Color, and/or homeless.
Center for Family Services	Cindy Herman	\$150,000	150	Atlantic (MH)	Full-time bi-lingual / independently licensed clinician to provide

					counseling and behavioral health services to individuals and families, whose primary language is Spanish.
Center for Family Services	Cindy Herman	\$150,000	60	Camden (SUD)	Full-time equivalent fully licensed clinical Veterans Therapist to provide SUD and co-occurring direct services to Veterans and their families.
County of Bergen	Thomas Duch	\$150,000	200	Bergen (SUD)	Full-time equivalent staff member to engage in both clinical care and community outreach, with a focus on addiction services.
Family Connections	Jacques Hryshko	\$150,000	100	Essex (SUD)	Older Adult Treatment Services will provide fully-licensed SUD/COD treatment to vulnerable, underserved older adults to address misuse of prescription drugs, alcohol use disorder, and other SUD's, as well as co-occurring MH disorders, especially anxiety, depression & PTSD.
Integrity House	Robert Budsock	\$150,000	50	Essex (SUD)	Outreach services and delivery of treatment and recovery services for substance use and mental health conditions for individuals who identify as LGBTQIA+.
Jewish Family Service of Atlantic County	Andrea Steinberg	\$150,000	65	Atlantic (MH)	Provide mental health services to underserved populations using established counseling outreach service and connecting consumers to the service.
John Brooks Recovery Center	Michael Santillo	\$150,000	102	Atlantic (SUD)	Special Populations initiative for low-income, and/or homeless BIPOC and LGBTQIA individuals with a SUD and co-occurring illness, providing outreach and engagement services; crisis intervention; individual, group and family counseling provided by a co-occurring (fully licensed) LCSW/LCADC clinician; medication assisted

					treatment; medication monitoring; case management services; recovery support services; and overdose education and naloxone distribution provided in a client-centered, trauma-informed and recovery-oriented manner.
Maryville	Kendria McWilliams	\$150,000	70	Cumberland (SUD)	Substance use and co-occurring mental health outpatient track for Spanish-speaking individuals. Services to include outreach, individual, group and family counseling, peer recovery support services, MAT treatment, co-occurring mental health treatment, aftercare planning, and follow up.
Maryville	Kendria McWilliams	\$150,000	70	Gloucester (SUD)	A licensed counselor will serve youth and adults who identify as LGBTQ+. Outreach, recovery supports, and follow-up contacts will be made by a peer recovery specialist. The counselor will also run one family group per week.
Mental Health Association of Monmouth County	Wendy DePedro	\$150,000	100	Monmouth (MH)	Enhanced Outpatient Services will provide 400 therapy/group sessions to serve 100 BIPOC persons with serious mental illness.
My Father's House	Sean Broderick	\$150,000	35	Camden (SUD)	Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Intensive Outpatient and Outpatient services to the Latino and Spanish speaking consumers.
SERV Centers of NJ,	Regina Widdows	\$150,000	35	Passaic (MH)	Part-time Outreach Coordinator to conduct outreach to organizations and advocacy groups that target Hispanic/Latino, LGBTQ+, and persons of color. Hire an LPC or LCSW with experience service these communities to provide trauma-informed, recovery-oriented,

					consumer driven mental health services. Pilot support groups for individuals in certain identity categories, including LGBTQ+ identification and people of color.
Trinitas Regional Medical Center	Lisa Dressner	\$150,000	125	Union (SUD)	Full-time bilingual Spanish/English speaking clinician with a dual license and experience in mental health and substance abuse treatment. The clinician will serve individuals whose primary language is Spanish, and are 18 years and older, and have a diagnosis of serious mental illness and a co-occurring substance use disorder.