



DMHAS Information from Quarterly Provider Meeting June 12, 2025

MCORT and ARRIVE Together Panel

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Below is a published article titled “Peer-Run Respite Approaches to Supporting People Experiencing an Emotional Crisis”

<https://psychiatryonline.org/doi/full/10.1176/appi.ps.20230599>

Below is a published article titled “A Welcoming Space to Manage Crisis: The Wellness Respite Program”

<https://journals.healio.com/doi/full/10.3928/02793695-20220428-04>

Governor’s Challenge to Prevent Suicide in Service Members, Veterans and their Families

Suicide Prevention Community Engagement & Partnership Coordinator and Governor's Challenge Priority Area 1 lead Rhonda.hart@va.gov

Veteran crisis supports through 988 <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>

NJ Hospital Association in partnership with the NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs provides Mental Health First Aid <https://www.njha.com/njvetsmhfa>

Behavioral Health Integration (BHI) Update

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NJ FamilyCare BH Integration Phase 1 Information Session link to register for the June 17 meeting.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/OWFkm6liT4ugH2obDSFAbQ>

BHI Stakeholder Information page:

<https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/dmhas/information/stakeholder/>

If your issue is related to policies & guidelines, access to services, or general questions, then contact DMHAS Behavior Health Unit through email: dmahs.behavioralhealth@dhs.nj.gov

Opioid Settlement Initiatives Update

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New Jersey Opioid Recovery and Remediation Advisory Council Releases Statewide Strategic Plan to Inform Opioid Settlement Investments Through 2030

<https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/news/pressreleases/2025/approved/20250612.shtml>

New Jersey Opioid Advisory Council Strategic Plan

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