



STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT

NJ TRANSIT President & Chief Executive Officer Kevin S. Corbett

“Through the ARRIVE Together program, NJ TRANSIT and the New Jersey Transit Police Department are helping to advance a new approach to community care. By joining together dedicated NJTPD Outreach Officers with mental health experts, this initiative takes the work we have been doing through our Community Outreach Unit to provide immediate and compassionate care to at-risk individuals to the next level.”

Acting Essex County Prosecutor Theodore N. Stephens, II

“ARRIVE Together is a humane program that strengthens the bonds between police officers and communities, while decreasing the chance that force will be used against people who are mentally ill. The program has been piloted in Orange, East Orange, and Newark, and I’m delighted it will be expanded throughout Essex County and across the state. The Essex County Prosecutor’s Office will do all we can to support ARRIVE Together’s expansion and success.”

Frank Ghinassi, PhD, Senior Vice President of Behavioral Health and Addiction Services at RWJBarnabas Health and President of Rutgers Health University Behavioral Health

“RWJBarnabas Health is proud to be a part of this collaborative effort. Newark Beth Medical Center is now one of three RWJBarnabas Health facilities participating in the Arrive Together program across New Jersey,” “Our mental and behavioral health screeners have been serving our communities around the clock to assist those in crisis. The “Arrive Together” program enables our teams to arrive alongside specially-trained, plain-clothed law enforcement offers without lights and sirens, to conduct on-site behavioral health assessments in a safe and more non-threatening manner to ensure the best outcome for our patients.”

Director Fritz Frage, Newark Department of Public Safety

“The Newark Police Division is honored to participate in ARRIVE Together through our partnership with the Office of Attorney General Platkin. The program was initiated here in Newark in June with such great success that we are expanding our operations to the Downtown District next month. We are also increasing the number of Newark Police Officers who are trained in crisis intervention for responding to calls for service alongside ARRIVE Together mental health service providers.”

Director Lakeesha Eure, Newark Office of Violence Prevention and Trauma Recovery

"The Office of Violence Prevention and Trauma Recovery is thankful for the crisis intervention partnership that ARRIVE Together offers to Newark residents facing a behavioral health crisis. We applaud the three-fold infusion of mental health service providers with the Office of Violence Prevention and Trauma Recovery social workers, Newark Police and NJ Transit to safely de-escalate crisis calls for service and to provide resources and referrals to individuals who could potentially harm themselves or others.”