

Treatment Promotes Healthy, Successful Living

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“Sarah’s story is one of many examples of how community-based services make a profound difference in people’s lives. As an advocate for the providers who make such inspiring successes possible, I could not emphasize enough how vital these services are and how critical it is for state and federal governments to consistently and sufficiently fund these programs,” said Debra L. Wentz, Ph.D., CEO of the New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Inc. (NJAMHAA).

“Without access to these services, people in need – who are increasing in number nearly every day – will not only continue to struggle with mental illnesses and addictions, but may also suffer other problems related to their health, relationships and careers. The trauma, as well as the potential cost, of these problems could be avoided by ensuring timely access to effective – and cost-effective – community-based services,” Dr. Wentz added.

NJAMHAA is a statewide trade association representing 170 agencies that serve individuals of all ages through a variety of programs encompassing a full continuum of care, which ranges from freestanding outpatient to hospital-based programs to independent living programs and in vivo programs in the community.