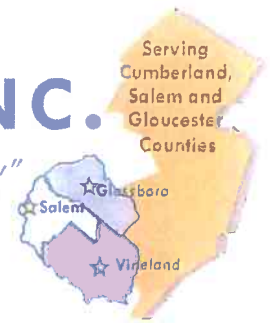


THE SOUTHWEST COUNCIL, INC.

"Where the Science of Prevention Meets the Needs of the Community"



RE: Addiction Services Recovery Center in Gloucester County

Dear Southwest Council Supporter:

The Southwest Council has received notification from the New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, (DMHAS), of available funding to establish a Recovery Support Center in one of six counties in the southern portion of the state. Gloucester County has been identified as one of the possible locations to develop a second Addictions Recovery Center in New Jersey. At this time the Southwest Council is preparing to submit a proposal in response to this announcement and to provide a client-centered recovery-oriented system of care.

Since 2007, the Southwest Council has been providing specific recovery support services out of its Glassboro office (Gloucester County). The agency, through its network of community-based programs, has established itself as a leader in providing life skills, referral, transportation, family programs, relapse prevention and supportive services to those in various stages of their recovery for over twenty years. Throughout the years we have been able to offer many opportunities to those who have reached out to our agency to help them build skills, develop positive peer-to-peer connections, and to serve as a bridge for those leaving treatment agencies to services within the community through our County-based Substance Abuse Prevention Resource Centers. Unfortunately, in 2011 the funding for these centers was re-structured and the opportunity for this service to continue was eliminated.

It is our belief that the Southwest Council is the ideal agency to implement an Addictions Recovery Center in the southern part of the state, and we hope you agree. We are asking for your support of our application which may come in written form (as a formal Letter of Support addressed to the Southwest Council); a written testimony addressing how the agency has assisted you in the past; or by contacting me to discuss the recovery support needs you would like to have addressed in our proposal. I am asking support from the recovering community to assist us in this effort and to share in our vision of making the Addiction Recover Support Center a reality in the County of Gloucester. A response from you is very important and would be greatly appreciated at this time. All responses must be received by February 20, 2012. You are invited to review the proposal online at www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/rfprfi which would assist in learning more about the Addictions Recovery Support Service.

Please feel free to reach out to me at (856) 794-1011, forward a letter of support to us and to share this information with others who would benefit from this service in the Gloucester County (and surrounding counties). We look forward to this wonderful opportunity and hope to hear from you soon.

Warmest regards,

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