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A word from Our CEO



The birds are chirping. The sun is shining. Flowers are blooming. Spring is finally here, and change is well on its way. And just as seasons change, we also must experience change to stimulate growth. As you may have heard, John Brooks Recovery Center is on its way to becoming a member of the AtlantiCare Health System. This is a wonderful opportunity to expand our continuum of care and improve the quality of services we provide.

We believe that the integrity, longevity and successful recovery-oriented model that we currently provide aligns with AtlantiCare's vision. This partnership will ensure that the legacy of John Brooks will continue and the services we provide will always be available for those suffering with a substance use disorder and in need of other primary care and behavioral health services.

I will certainly share more information as we move through this process. In the interim, thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to JBRC and the clients we serve.

Michael Santillo, LCADC
Chief Executive Officer
John Brooks Recovery Center

A look back at 2021

Here are the year's most pivotal moments.

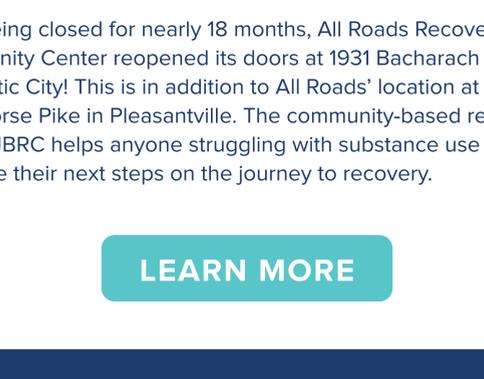
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Gambling problem? JBRC is here to help.

Our new **Gambling Treatment Program** will assist individuals with problem and disordered gambling. All patients admitted into the program must also have a co-occurring substance use disorder diagnosis. The program started this month and is available at all three of JBRC's facilities.

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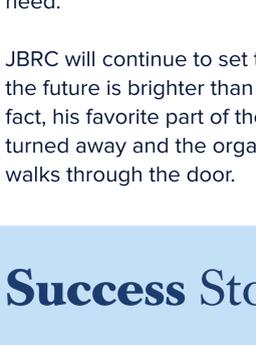
The road starts here...



After being closed for nearly 18 months, All Roads Recovery Community Center reopened its doors at 1931 Bacharach Avenue in Atlantic City! This is in addition to All Roads' location at 660 Blackhorse Pike in Pleasantville. The community-based recovery arm of JBRC helps anyone struggling with substance use disorder navigate their next steps on the journey to recovery.

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Employee Spotlight



Meet Jeffrey Johnson

It's all about second chances. This is an adage that Jeffrey Johnson has become quite familiar with. Born and raised in Philadelphia to parents who were addicted to drugs and alcohol, Jeffrey's upbringing fell very short of normal. It was not until Jeffrey's grandparents took over as his legal guardians that life started looking better.

Flash forward to today, and Jeffrey is celebrating his 12th year in recovery and has since become a Recovery Coach with JBRC to harness his own real-life experiences to help others. His goal is to navigate clients toward living a healthy and clean life. He also drives clients to and from doctor's appointments and lab appointments.

Jeffrey believes that his sole purpose of being at JBRC/All Roads Recovery Community Center is to provide the help that individuals need.

JBRC will continue to set the standard in the recovery sector and the future is brighter than ever, Jeffrey says wholeheartedly. In fact, his favorite part of the JBRC experience is that no one gets turned away and the organization cares about every person who walks through the door.

Success Story

"Last year, I was homeless, running the streets of Camden and getting high with my mother. We panhandled to make ends meet, but I soon turned to crime, which landed me in jail. This arrest was the start of a new beginning.

I was transferred from Camden to Atlantic County jail, where I started to get help. I signed up for JBRC's jail methadone program and later transferred to their short-term residential program. In residential, I took every opportunity to get better. I grew stronger mentally, emotionally and physically. I went to the gym, met with a counselor, started eating healthier and sleeping on a schedule. After inpatient, I moved into the JBRC sober living where I was welcomed with open arms. I then enrolled in JBRC's IOP and attend All Roads Recovery Center. I have a counselor and a recovery coach helping me on my journey.

For the first time, I am taking care of my responsibilities and making goals for my future. Today I get to see my son and be a father to him. I have a job, I'm working to get my license back, and I'm finally making doctors' appointments; I even got my HEP-C cured through JBRC's program!

I am truly grateful for the opportunities I've received. It feels good to be off the street and achieving my goals. I'm healthier than I've ever been, and I have something to give back. I volunteer with All Roads and even run my own group. Unfortunately, I have not seen or heard from my mother since leaving Camden. But when she is ready, I'll be here to show her all the opportunities available to her and I can stand as a testimony that it works."

- Mark L.

JBRC's CEO Speaks on National Drug Control Strategy

Michael Santillo was asked to speak on access to care and harm reduction at a recent White House briefing hosted by Dr. Rahul Gupta, Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

The briefing addressed the Biden-Harris Administration's 2022 National Drug Control Strategy focused on saving lives, increasing access to treatment, expanding harm reduction and disrupting drug trafficking.

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We're honored!

We are pleased to announce that we have received the Silver Award for the Best Drug/Alcohol Recovery Program in Press of Atlantic City's 2021 Best of the Press Readers' Choice Awards!

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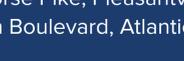
Become a part of the John Brooks legacy.

We hope that you will join us in our mission to continue to provide the highest quality, evidence-based treatment services to help individuals overcome substance use disorders. We are now offering various naming rights opportunities throughout the new, state-of-the-art residential treatment facility.

To learn more, call 609-345-2020.
Thank you in advance for your gracious donation.

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