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Bordentown Township PD Becomes Fifth Location for Straight...to Treatment Substance Use Disorder Program

Burlington County Prosecutor Scott Coffina and Bordentown Township Police Chief Brian Pesce announced that the drug treatment program that allows people to walk off the street and into a police station to seek help with substance use disorder will be available in Bordentown Township beginning tomorrow.

The Straight...to Treatment program will operate every Wednesday at the Bordentown Township police station at 1 Municipal Drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in conjunction with recovery coaches from City of Angels, a non-profit organization from Hamilton, Mercer County, that provides free services to those battling addiction.

Bordentown Township becomes the fifth municipality to offer the program, joining Evesham, Pemberton Township, the City of Burlington and Mount Holly.

“With the addition of the Bordentown Township location, we have once again increased the program’s coverage area and will be able to more effectively provide services to those who are seeking to overcome substance use disorder and turn around their lives,” Prosecutor Coffina said. “I am grateful to the Township, Chief Pesce and City of Angels for their partnership and commitment to offering this much-needed service.”

Chief Pesce encouraged those who need help to take advantage of the program.

“The Bordentown Township Police Department is excited to join the Burlington County Prosecutor’s Office’s Straight...to Treatment initiative and offer residents of Northern Burlington County who are struggling with addiction an opportunity to seek treatment,” Chief Pesce said. “Everyone who comes to our department asking for help will be treated with compassion, and it is our ultimate goal to help these individuals break the cycle of addiction.”

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Straight...to Treatment enables people facing addiction to walk into participating police departments and be connected with a treatment program. Police officers work with them to clear warrants, and participants can also turn in any drugs or drug paraphernalia in their possession and not be charged with a drug possession offense.

Insurance is not necessary to receive help through Straight...to Treatment, and neither is residency in Burlington County. The program focuses on making sure that help is available at the critical moment someone has decided to seek assistance.

The first Straight...to Treatment program opened in Evesham in March 2018. It expanded into Pemberton Township six months later. The City of Burlington began providing the service in April 2019 and Mount Holly's program started in October 2020.

Since its inception, more than 500 people have been provided assistance through the program.

Prosecutor Coffina expressed appreciation for all of the Straight...to Treatment service providers, and welcomed City of Angels to the program.

"We have been working with City of Angels on similar initiatives, such as Operation Helping Hand, and have witnessed firsthand their caring approach to helping people struggling with substance use disorder," Prosecutor Coffina said. "We feel very fortunate to have them involved with the new program in Bordentown Township."

The other Straight...to Treatment locations are served by Maryville Addiction Treatment Center, Oaks Integrated Care and Solstice Wellness & Counseling.

Straight...to Treatment locations and hours:

Bordentown Township PD, 1 Municipal Drive, Wednesdays: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
City of Burlington PD, 525 High Street, Wednesdays and Thursdays: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Evesham Twp. PD, 984 Tuckerton Road, Mondays: noon – 7 p.m.
Mount Holly Twp. PD, 23 Washington Street, Tuesdays: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Pemberton Twp. PD, 500 Pemberton-Browns Mills Road, Tuesdays: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

For more information, visit www.straighttotreatment.com.

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