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CN Guidance Holds Groundbreaking for Community Crisis Center to Alleviate Dual Mental Health and Substance Use Crises on Long Island



L to R: James O'Brien, CN Guidance Board President; Jeffrey Friedman, CN Guidance CEO; Brian Peterson, OMH Long Island Field Office; Maria Morris, NY OASAS; Anissa Moore, Deputy Nassau County Executive – Health & Human Services; Elaine Phillips, Nassau County Comptroller



L to R: Arnold Drucker, Nassau County Legislature, Jennifer DeSena, Town of North Hempstead Supervisor; Elaine Phillips; Anne Donnelly, Nassau County District Attorney; Jeffrey Friedman; Mary Silberstein, CN Guidance Senior Director



L to R: Brittany Asaro, CN Guidance Client; Kerry Carver, CN Guidance Client; Colleen DiLello, CN Guidance; Kathie Lombardi, CN Guidance; Dana Pope, CN Guidance Client



(Hicksville, NY) CN Guidance held a groundbreaking event today for its new Intensive Crisis Stabilization Center: the *Community Crisis Center (CCC)*. This facility, in partnership with local providers and law enforcement, will provide a needed 24/7/365 walk-in care alternative to Emergency Departments and jail for people experiencing mental health and/or substance use crises. There they will be able to get the help they need and stabilized, before being directly connected to more long-term comprehensive services.

100 + public officials and leaders from Long Island area civic organizations, behavioral health providers, and businesses were in attendance and learned about the desperate need for the center, as well as details on the innovative services that will be provided to the community upon its opening next year.

Speakers included Anissa Moore, Deputy Nassau County Executive – Health & Human Services; Brian Peterson, Long Island Field Office Director for NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH); Maria Morris, Deputy Director, NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS); in addition to people who shared their lived experience with a mental health or substance issue, and struggled to find immediate treatment.

“Our new Community Crisis Center will address a critical need for crisis support on Long Island by enhancing access to care and helping families avoid unnecessary ER visits. We are very grateful to the State of New York, as well as our local governments and regional partners, for their support in keeping the Community Crisis Center on track to open in 2025 and serve those in need,” said Jeffrey Friedman, CN Guidance CEO.

For more information on the CCC [visit our website](#).

Video clips of the event:

[CCC Groundbreaking 11.14.24 Jeffrey Friedman, CEO](#)

[CCC Groundbreaking 11.14.24 Ceremony](#)

About CN Guidance: *Serving children and adults with mental and emotional disorders since 1972, CN Guidance and Counseling Services delivers NY-State licensed mental health and substance use treatment services – especially to economically disadvantaged individuals and families, including many communities of color – working in partnership with county government and other community services. With deep, localized knowledge of Nassau County and Suffolk County communities, a mobile fleet, telehealth capabilities, and a NY State Integrated Outpatient Services license, CN Guidance maintains an exemplary track record of delivering outreach and high-quality behavioral healthcare to more than 30,000 individuals per year. For more information, visit <https://cnguidance.org/>*

