



CN Guidance gets \$1.5M to grow employment services for Long Islanders in recovery

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Hicksville-based **CN Guidance** & Counseling Services was awarded more than \$1.5 million over five years from the **New York State Office of Addiction**

Services and Supports (OASAS). The funding is designed to expand vocational and **employment services** for individuals in treatment and recovery.

With that funding, CN Guidance, a behavioral **health nonprofit**, plans to hire two **vocational rehabilitation counselors**, dedicated specialists who will work alongside the agency's substance use disorder treatment and **recovery programs**. They will be tasked with providing individualized employment support to help clients achieve greater independence, stability and long-term recovery success.

"Employment can play a major role in the recovery of individuals impacted by addiction," OASAS Commissioner Dr. Chinazo Cunningham said in a news release about the funding.

"Unfortunately, many still face stigma and barriers to finding work," Cunningham said. "This innovative effort will strengthen the support system here in New York, helping people build job skills through training efforts, and providing **job placement assistance** supporting their recovery and long-term health goals."

The new vocational counselors will assist clients in identifying and pursuing employment and career goals. They will help clients develop effective resumes and job-search strategies, as well as prepare for interviews and long-term workplace success. The counselors will also provide job development and placement support. They will connect clients with local employers, workforce development programs and community resources. In addition, they will educate employers about the benefits of hiring individuals in recovery, helping to expand employment opportunities and promote inclusive workplaces.

"Employment can be transformative for individuals in recovery, providing financial stability, renewed confidence, and a sense of purpose," Caitlin Roeder, CN Guidance senior director, said in the news release.

“Through this program, we will be able to strengthen the support we provide to clients as they work toward recovery and build meaningful, productive futures,” Roeder said.

“We are deeply grateful to the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports for strengthening our ability to provide job placement assistance as an integral part of treatment and recovery,” Jeffrey Friedman, CEO of CN Guidance, said in the news release.

“Recovery extends beyond clinical care,” he added. “Meaningful employment helps individuals regain independence, reconnect with their communities, and build a foundation for long-term success. This funding will allow us to expand opportunities for the people we serve and help them achieve their personal and professional goals.”