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24th Annual Supportive Housing Conference
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About the conference:

The SHA Conference is an educational and networking opportunity for housing and service providers, community planners, housing developers, public officials, families/consumers and those interested in promoting and advancing supportive housing for people with special needs. Addressing state, regional as well as national issues, the conference draws an average of up to 300 attendees.

While last year brought relentless changes to the old way of doing things it also brought unprecedented opportunities. The New Jersey Supportive Housing 24th Annual Conference, Breaking New Ground Growing Opportunities will explore the innovative trends and strategies that can open new possibilities to make a lasting and positive impact.

The Supportive Housing Conference is an opportunity to enlighten, inspire and empower those in our industry who strive to provide homes and services for people of low income and with special needs. We are interested in the experiences of NJ providers but also want to hear how other states are constructing effective plans in response to the needs of people with disabilities in housing and services.

What is Supportive Housing:

Supportive housing is designed for people with special needs including but not limited to those with mental, physical and developmental disabilities as well as people who are homeless. Supportive Housing refers to the combination of housing with an array of services designed to assist a person to live as independently as possible. Housing must be safe, decent and affordable. Residents control their housing through a lease and voluntarily access flexible supports. In supportive housing, each person directs the individually tailored services that they choose to receive. Supportive services can vary but often include case management, care coordination, job and education coaching, assistance with daily living skills, transportation, access to public entitlements and crisis intervention. Supportive housing exists in all types of neighborhoods, residential settings, and service models.

About SHA NJ:

The Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey (SHA NJ) is a statewide, nonprofit organization founded in 1998, whose mission is to promote and maintain a strong supportive housing industry in New Jersey serving people with special needs.

We do this by:

- **Providing** resources and services to our membership of more than 100 organizations, which include nonprofit and for-profit housing developers, service providers, allied statewide advocacy organizations, corporate vendors and professional organizations, all dedicated to the supportive housing industry.
- **Strengthening** the capacity of member organizations to provide supportive housing services through information, training and collaboration.
- **Advocating** for innovation and systems change to provide more flexible funding and increased mainstream housing opportunities to allow people with disabilities to live as independently as possible.
- **Educating** policy makers, elected officials, people living with disabilities/families and the public on the use and benefits of the supportive housing model.

Find out more about SHA NJ at [www.shanj.org](http://www.shanj.org).
Conference Agenda

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM  Registration, Breakfast, & Exhibit Hall | Entrance & West Ballroom

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM  Opening Remarks | East Ballroom
James Marhold, Chair, SHA Board of Trustees
Dan Kaiserski, Community Investment Operations
Federal Home Loan Bank of New York

Special Guest:
Lisa Asare, BA, MPH - AMCHP
Deputy Commissioner of Health Services
New Jersey Department of Human Services
Innovation Leadership & Municipal Awards

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM  Exhibit Hall / Networking | West Ballroom

10:00 AM – 11:15 AM  Workshop Session 1
Northwest Ballroom | Salon I | Salon II | Lecture Suite

11:15 AM – 11:30 AM  Exhibit Hall / Networking | West Ballroom

11:30 AM – 12:45 PM  Workshop Session 2
Northwest Ballroom | Salon I | Salon II | Lecture Suite

12:45 AM – 1:00 PM  Exhibit Hall / Networking | West Ballroom

1:00 PM – 1:40 PM  Lunch & Awards | East Ballroom
Housing Hero Award
Projects of the Year Awards

1:40 PM – 2:40 PM  Keynote Address | East Ballroom
Daniel Tomasulo, PhD – Learned Hopefulness

2:45 AM – 4:00 PM  Workshop Session 3
Northwest Ballroom | Salon I | Salon II | Lecture Suite

4:00 PM  Giveaways and Goodbyes

Thank you for joining us! Please depart using the West Doors by the West Library.
Exhibitors:

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Community Access Unlimited - Founded in 1979, Community Access Unlimited is a Union County-based nonprofit that serves people with disabilities and at-risk youth across New Jersey. We give a voice to individuals who historically hold little power in society, assisting our members with housing, life skills, employment, personal finance, relationships, civic engagement, and much more. With more than 3,000 members and growing, we will never stop striving to create an all-inclusive, accessible world where everyone can lead a fulfilling life as part of the greater community. www.caunj.org

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Eiros Group works with people who experience disabilities as they create their best lives. Specializing in connecting people to their community, Eiros focuses on creative ways to provide support both in and out of the Medicaid funded service system. Eiros Group works with people that experience disability as they self-direct their services. Eiros Group develops and creates sustainable, person-centered solutions to the many barriers people with developmental disabilities face: housing, employment, transportation, education, healthcare and community engagement. Eiros is qualified through DDD and Medicaid to provide supports brokerage and direct support as well as employment services. www.eiros-group.com


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Exhibitors:

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**The NJ Council on Developmental Disabilities (NJCDD)** is an advocacy and systems change agency, whose mission is to help people with developmental disabilities increase their independence, productivity, and integration into their community. [www.njcdd.org](http://www.njcdd.org)

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Keynote Session:

Daniel Tomasulo, PhD Keynote: Learned Hopefulness

Recent years have challenged us all as we have navigated unprecedented change and external forces beyond our control. In response to these times, this year’s keynote address by psychologist, professor, and author, Daniel Tomasulo, PhD will explore the empowering tools of Learned Hopefulness. Filled with passion and grounded in the practice of Positive Psychology, Dr. Tomasulo is an expert speaker who will shift our perspective allowing us to break free from the hopelessness that may be weighing us down. Join us to find the inspiration we need to renew our motivation, lean on our strengths, and bring a sense of resiliency to our work and our lives.

Read more about our keynote speaker at https://www.shanj.org/2022-keynote-workshops/

SHA Welcomes State Leaders

Lisa Asare, BA, MPH, Deputy Commissioner of Health Services, NJ Dept Human Services

Lisa Asare’s role as Deputy Commissioner of Health Services at NJ DHS oversees the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, which administers NJ FamilyCare, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, and the Nurture NJ maternal health initiative in addition to the Catastrophic Illness in Children’s Relief Fund. Previously, Asare served as Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Family Health Services at the New Jersey Department of Health. Asare oversaw units that provide public health programs and services, including Maternal and Child Health, Special Child Health, Early Intervention Services, WIC Nutrition Services and SNAP-Ed.

Peri L. Nearon, MPA, Executive Director, Division of Disability Services (DDS)

Peri L. Nearon was appointed Executive Director of the Division of Disability Services (DDS) in February, 2019. Prior to this appointment, Ms. Nearon was the Director of External Affairs and Strategic Initiatives for Community Health & Wellness at the NJ Department of Health, building collaborative relationships to improve health outcomes for individuals and communities at highest risk. Under her leadership, the Department coordinated ShapingNJ, a public-private partnership of more than 230 organizations working together to promote healthy eating and active living in early care and education centers, schools, worksites, faith-based organizations and communities through policy, systems and environmental change.

Melanie R. Walter, Executive Director, New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (NJHMFA)

Melanie R. Walter brings broad-ranging experience in government and community-related matters in New Jersey state government to her role as Executive Director of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (NJHMFA). Before joining NJHMFA in January 2021, Walter previously served as Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Director of the Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) and formerly served as a Deputy Attorney General in New Jersey’s Division of Law.
Congratulations to our 2022 Supportive Housing Award Recipients!

Learn more of their stories at www.shanj.org/2022-awards/

Innovation Leadership Award

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Triple C Housing, Inc.

Housing Hero Award

Norman “Norm” Smith
Project Freedom, Inc.

Municipal Award

Edison Township

Projects of the Year Awards

Bergenview Apartments

Village at Harmony Garden
2022 SHA Speaker List

Learn more about our speakers at www.shanj.org/2022-keynote-workshops/

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Executive Advisor, Hartman Executive Advisors

Shahilda Boynes
Director, Bridges Outreach

Michael Callahan
Director Office of Homelessness
NJ Department of Community Affairs

Cathy Chin
Executive Director, ABCD

Jacob Day
Community Investment, FHLBNY

Christopher D’Marco
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Karen Fluharty
Founder, Parents with a Plan

Noah Freiberg
Senior Developer, Pennrose

Buddy Garfinkle
Associate ED, Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services

Patrick Gillespie
Regional Vice President, State Affairs, Elevance Health

Adam Gordon
Executive Director, Fair Share Housing

Karen Harris
Five Friends

Pamela Heine
Senior Project Associate, SAMHSA SOAR TA Center

Kerry-Anne Henry
Asst. Director, Department of Children And Families

Diane Hirko
SOAR Senior Benefits Specialist, Catholic Charities Trenton

Walter Kalman
Principal, McKallyn Group, LLC

Penny Indictor
Partner, Berman Indictor LLP

Jennifer Langer Jacobs
Assistant Commissioner,
Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services

Susan McCarthy
Executive Director, Sevita

Kevin McKee
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Sue McPhedran
Director of Development, Mission First Housing

Brian McShane
Associate Director, CSH

Eileen O’Donnell
Executive Director, Coming Home Middlesex

Treena Rivera
Director, Act-Cess USA

Marina Rubina
Founder, Princeton Progressive Action Group

Carol Sainthilaire
CEO, Community Enterprise Corp.

Steve Schoch
Principal, Thriven Design

EJ Vizzi
Director, Brightside Manor

Melanie Walter
Executive Director, NJHMFA

Cassondra Warney
Senior Program Manager, CSH

James Williams
Director of Racial Justice Policy, Fair Share Housing

Katie York
State Director, AARP
Family Supported Housing Alternatives
Room: Northwest Ballroom (1st Floor)
Affordable housing is a challenge in New Jersey. For the many individuals with disabilities, the challenge is compounded by very low income and the need for services. System changes over the decades have led to new housing opportunities, but more creative alternatives are needed. A panel of families who have created successful models in the past will describe their efforts, as well as the challenges faced now and in planning for the future as well as ideas for advocating needed system changes.
Moderator: Walter Kalman - Principal, McKallyn Group, LLC
Speakers: Karen Harris, Five Friends
Michele Elmers, Founder, Rebecca’s Homestead
Steve Schoch, Principal, Thriven Design
Karen Fluharty, Founder, Parents With A Plan

Next Step, Housing! Using SOAR to Maximize Income, Wellness, and Recovery!
Room: Salon I (2nd Floor)
SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) is a key step on the road to recovery and can lead to increased income, employment supports, increased access to treatment, and stable housing. Once housed, timely access to benefits promotes wellness, recovery and stretches your housing first dollars! SOAR is a nationally recognized equitable model, designed to increase access to Social Security’s disability programs for eligible individuals who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and have a serious mental illness, medical impairment, and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder. The SOAR model presents an innovative strategy for increasing access to income and in turn promoting housing stability. Supportive Housing providers can gain clear practical knowledge of how the SOAR program can leverage federal dollars to extend housing resources to more people. Successful collaboration with supportive housing partners throughout the state will be highlighted.
Speakers: Pamela Heine - Senior Project Associate, SAMHSA SOAR TA Center
Diane Hirko - SOAR Senior Benefits Specialist, Catholic Charities Trenton

Using Data to Identify Shared Clients & Pool Resources - Opportunities to Scale up Supportive Housing Programs
Room: Salon II (2nd Floor)
This panel will focus on elevating New Jersey thought leaders who are focused on ending homelessness within our New Jersey communities. Discussion will focus on opportunities to scale evidence informed housing interventions like the Department of Children and Families’ Keeping Families Together (KFT) and Connect to Home by using data-sharing strategies across state agencies to break down silos, strengthen the alignment of resources and enhance the coordination of services moving forward.
Moderator: Cassandra Warney, Senior Program Manager, CSH
Speakers: Mike Callahan - Director, Department of Community Affairs, Office of Homeless Prevention
Kerry-Anne Henry - Asst. Director, Department of Children and Families, Office of Housing

Advancing Medicaid and Housing Supports - New Investments in Housing Services and Housing Development
Room: Lecture Suite (2nd Floor)
With the imminent renewal of the 1115 waiver, NJ Medicaid is taking bold steps to make real the adage “housing is healthcare.” Securing new funding to help service providers link people with a secure and stable place to live and developers create healthy homes is an exciting innovation for supportive housing. Come hear the latest from the Medicaid Housing team who are putting the building blocks together that will finally connect the dots between health and housing.
Speaker: Jennifer Langer Jacobs, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services
Finding a Home – National Research Offers Promising Strategies to Connect People with Housing
Room: Northwest Ballroom (1st Floor)
In 2022 SHA received an DCA Affordable Housing Innovation Grant to begin the Housing Navigation Project (HNP). The first phase of the project was to conduct National Housing Navigation Research to assemble and share the best practices and resources from programs from across the nation. The workshop will highlight the most promising strategies and tools that are helping more people find affordable places to live. The workshop will explore landlord recruitment and engagement strategies and explore how the power of technology is speeding the connection between landlords and renters to facilitate the efficient placement of people in need of permanent housing.
Speakers: Kate Leahy, Project Manager, SHA
Eileen O’Donnell, Executive Director, Coming Home Middlesex
Kevin McKee, Co-Founder, CTO, Padmission

Remote Support in NJ – Technological and Moral Progress
Room: Salon I (2nd Floor)
Remote Support can enable individuals to live independently in the community, work in competitive and integrated environments, participate in inclusive community activities, improve their quality of life and increase their safety, health and privacy. While technology has made a difference in helping individuals become independent, important federal approvals that would make remote support more comprehensive and robust remain elusive. This workshop will illuminate how NJ can develop a policy and attain federal approval to permit the use of Remote Support for individuals with IDD. Examples of other states will underscore the importance of establishing promotional tools and sustaining efforts in order to realize the progress to achieved.
Speakers: Susan McCarthy - Executive Director, Sevita
Cathy Chin - Executive Director, ABCD NJ

Are You Ready for Medicaid Income Redetermination? – Preventing Gaps in Coverage
Room: Salon II (2nd Floor)
As the COVID public health emergency ends, so does the easing of temporary waivers that prevented people from losing their health coverage during the pandemic. In the next few months states across the nation will “unwind” from continuous enrollment and take steps to assess whether people are still eligible for Medicaid. The income redetermination process with potential disenrollment will resume soon with the potential to disrupt coverage. It will take “all hands-on deck” to make sure members are fully engaged in this process and to ensure people do not fall through the cracks. The workshop will highlight the role of the public and private stakeholders engaged in this significant work effort including; State and County government partners as well as the Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), housing sponsors, healthcare providers, navigators, and other stakeholder groups.
Speakers: Patrick Gillespie, Regional Vice President, State Affairs, Elevance Health
Jennifer Langer Jacobs, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services
Representative of County Board of Social Services

Follow the Money – Investments in Supportive Housing Create New Municipal Opportunities
Room: Lecture Suite (2nd Floor)
After years of stalled development an unprecedented $300 million investment in capital funding aims to increase 100% affordable housing in towns across the state. This panel will explore how the new Affordable Housing Production Fund and other leveraged investments can be used to help municipalities meet their affordable housing obligation. Participants will share their experience in successful collaborations that have created win-win opportunities that have led to much needed homes for people with special needs.
Moderator: Jacob Day, Community Investment Business Development Associate, Federal Home Loan Bank of NY
Speakers: Melanie Walter, Executive Director of NJHMFA
Adam Gordon, Executive Director of Fair Share Housing
Noah Freiberg, Senior Developer, Pennrose LLC
Dealing with the Staffing Crisis

Coping with Staff Shortages, Reimagining Business Strategy, and Using IT to Fuel Employee Engagement, Retention, and Improved Outcomes

Room: Northwest Ballroom (1st Floor)

It is no secret that New Jersey is facing an unprecedented staffing crisis. The human service field is no exception, but the impact goes beyond business. As agencies are impacted, clients do not receive the critical services they need. Finding and retaining staff in today’s market will take a paradigm shift in thinking and a retooling of practices to stay ahead. The workshop will focus on practical strategies to address the current challenges. Topics will include effective management practices, reducing stress and burnout, rebalancing staff workload, and how technology can be used effectively to recruit, screen and set the stage for mutually advantageous, long-term productive relationship.

Speakers: Treena Rivera, Director of Development and Client Relationships, Act-Cess USA
Christopher D'Marco, Managing Member of Change & Response Strategies, LLC
Jarrod Bell, Executive IT Advisor, Hartman Executive Advisors

Building Alliances and Improving Communities for All

Room: Salon I (2nd Floor)

With almost one in four people living with a disability and a growing population of older adults in New Jersey, improvements (or accommodations) that allow people to stay healthy, live independently and find homes throughout the state are essential. In order to promote change, we need policies that promote access to services, a robust direct care workforce and innovative housing models. Fortunately, we have opportunities to continue to promote inclusion through building strong bridges between the aging and disability communities. Reviewing initiatives that help people of all ages and abilities thrive, the panel will discuss the findings of SHA’s Integrated Community Project, home and community-based services gaps, and progress in creating Accessory Dwelling Units.

Moderator: Frank Latham, Grants Manager, NJCDD
Speakers: Kate Kelly, Integrated Community Project Manager, SHA
Katie York, Associate State Director, AARP
Marina Rubina, Founder, Princeton Progressive Action Group
EJ Vizzi, Director of Senior Programs, Brightside Manor

Racial Equity within Service Delivery for Supportive Housing

Room: Salon II (2nd Floor)

Centering racial equity is important in advancing supportive housing in our communities. There are significant overrepresentations of Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) across multiple crisis public systems in New Jersey due to historic and systemic racism and marginalization, like the homeless systems. Supportive housing receives referrals from these systems and this panel will discuss why it is essential that the service delivery be designed with a racial equity lens for residents as well as how providers should be approaching this work.

Moderator: Brian McShane, Associate Director, CSH
Panalists: Shahilda Boynes, Director of Programs and Impact, Bridges Outreach
James Williams, Director of Racial Justice Policy, Fair Share Housing Center,
Carol Sainthilaire, CEO, Community Enterprise Corporation

Joint Ventures and Partnerships – Joining Forces to Create Supportive Housing

Room: Lecture Suite (2nd Floor)

This workshop will delve into the benefits of partnering with another organization to create supportive housing. For nonprofits newer to the housing development world, partnering with a more experienced developer--nonprofit or for profit--can be a way to achieve the goal of creating supportive housing more quickly and with less risk to the organization. For experienced developers, working with nonprofit supportive housing or service organizations can unlock new funding sources and enhance the competitiveness of a development. The discussion will include the process for moving from concept to agreement, key deal points for each partner to consider, and negotiating tips.

Speakers: Penny Indictor - Partner, Berman Indictor LLP
Sue McPhedran - Director of Development, Mission First Housing Group
Buddy Garfinkle, Associate Executive Director, Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services
Congratulations 2022 Honorees

Congratulations to Leslie Stivale, President/CEO at Triple C Housing, and all the 2022 Supportive Housing Award recipients being honored for working tirelessly to build inclusive communities and growing opportunities.

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Our Story
We’ve always been right here. In our community. Serving the needs of our neighbors. Restoring hope. One person and family at a time.

We are a local organization. We live in the community with you. Answering the need for help in a personal way. We serve people who face poverty, homelessness, mental health challenges and substance use disorders. We provide much needed support, including vital services and housing. We offer special support for veterans. And we’ve done this since 1985.
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Breaking New Ground  
Growing Opportunities

We proudly congratulate our 2022 Award Winners and celebrate the work of the supportive housing community during a challenging year.

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We look forward to important work in 2023 and wish you all a happy and safe holiday season!
Big things are on the way in 2023!