



# Reinforce Your Career and Your Business

through NJAMHAA Membership



**F**ounded in 1951, the New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Inc. (NJAMHAA) is a statewide trade association representing organizations that serve New Jersey residents with mental illness, substance use disorders and/or intellectual/developmental disabilities, and their families. NJAMHAA's mission is to promote the value of its members as the highest quality behavioral healthcare providers for the residents of New Jersey through advocacy and professional development.

In addition to advocacy training, we continually strive toward this mission through mutual support, services and development of key partnerships with legislators and policymakers in the state and federal governments. In fact, NJAMHAA is a recognized leader in advocacy and achievement for the community mental healthcare, substance use and intellectual/developmental disability system in New Jersey.

## DID YOU KNOW?

NJAMHAA's provider members offer an expansive array of services beyond clinical treatment, including:

- Child welfare
- Foster care
- Prevention, including substance use prevention education and Family Success Centers
- Supportive housing
- Supported employment and education
- Social services to help low-income families meet their basic needs

For its first 65 years, NJAMHAA's membership consisted solely of the provider organizations. In 2016, the association expanded its provider membership to include clinical, financial and other professionals currently working in these industries; individuals who have retired from these professions; and full-time college students preparing for careers in the human and social service fields.



"We are proud of the partnerships we have with our members, as their experiences and insights contribute to the effectiveness of our advocacy on their behalf to decision makers in the state and federal governments. We are eager to expand our network and reinforce our impact on funding decisions, legislation and regulations that affect all providers' ability to deliver their life-saving services."

— Debra L. Wentz, PhD, President and CEO of NJAMHAA

# Benefits for All Members

## Critical Information Relevant to your Field to Expand your Knowledge

- Up-to-the minute information via electronic newsletters, e-mail alerts, social media and meetings about changes in state and federal legislation and regulations that impact the mental health, substance use and intellectual/developmental disability communities
- “Ahead-of-the-curve” information updates on requests for proposals, grants, funding, and trainings
- Timely news on local and national events, clinical studies, new best practices and more

## Opportunities and Resources to Enhance your Value Now and in the Future

- Training opportunities throughout the year, ranging from workshops on timely issues, such as healthcare reform, Medicaid changes and fraud prevention, to our premiere annual conferences in the spring and fall focusing on clinical, policy, technology and business topics
- Invitations to participate in Membership Meetings to share your insights and experiences to help maximize the impact of NJAMHAA’s advocacy. See more details on the next page.

## Discounted Member Rates and Exclusive Opportunities

- Member discounts on conferences, trainings and advertising
- Access to e-learning opportunities at great rates, offered by a NJAMHAA business partner
- Subscriptions to *NJAMHAA Newswire*, an electronic newsletter published three times a week with the most current local and national news and announcements; *NJAMHAA News*, a quarterly publication dedicated to highlighting member achievements; and *Bits N’ Bytes*, a quarterly publication that shares valuable tips to keep your computer systems working safely and efficiently and to ensure compliance



“NJAMHAA has always been the best source for timely information about everything important for mental health services in New Jersey. Every word is interesting and relevant to our work.”

— *Linda G. Gochfeld, MD, NJAMHAA Board Member  
and Medical Director, SERV Behavioral Health System, Inc.*

# Additional Benefits for

## Participate on Practice Groups and in Membership Meetings

- Share ideas and information to benefit yourselves, your agencies and your colleagues.
- Contribute to developing advocacy recommendations to the NJAMHAA Board of Directors.
- Network with fellow members, which could lead to future partnerships and other opportunities.
- Send any staff member to participate in Membership Meetings and Practice Groups, which are Addictions, Adult Mental Health, Billing Supervisors, Chief Financial Officers and Children's Practice Groups; Information Technology (IT) Professional Advisory Committee, and the Quality Assurance and Compliance Committee.

## Build Awareness of your Programs and their Value

- Opportunities to feature your organization's programs and specific achievements in our newsletters, which are sent not only to members, but also to state legislators and policymakers, and our Congressional delegates, which could lead to valuable partnerships and other business opportunities
- Opportunities to exhibit, as well as advertise, at our many educational events throughout the year at reduced rates



“What I found most impressive about NJAMHAA is its tenacity, legislative advocacy and very broad scope. Members certainly get a bang for their buck. There’s no question that membership is a worthy investment.”

— *Bob Davison, MA, LPC, Executive Director, Mental Health Association of Essex County and Former NJAMHAA Board Member*

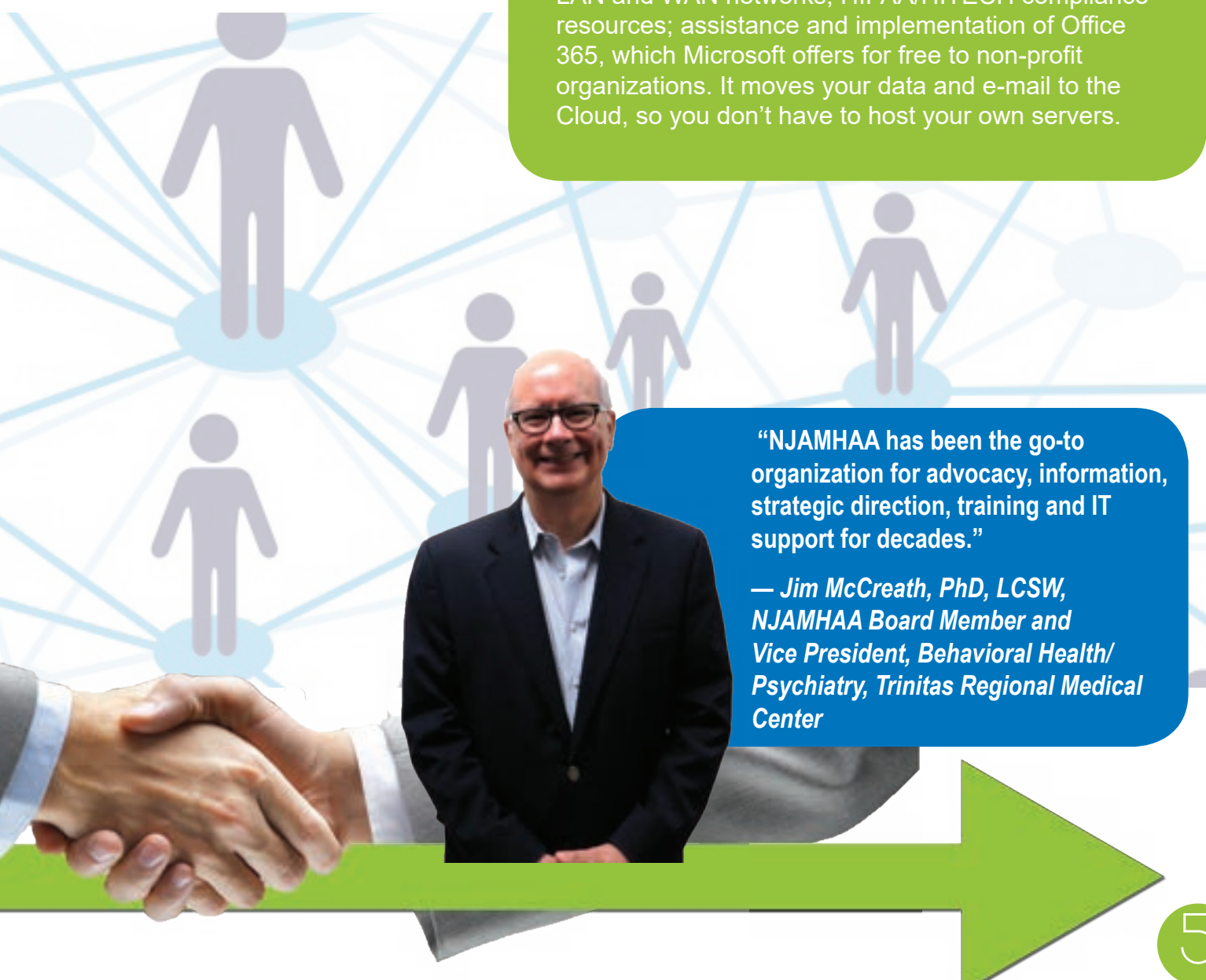


# Organizational Members



## Further Enhance your Ability to Serve Clients and their Families through Technology

- Access to NJAMHAA's IT Project and its wide range of technological services, including expert consultation and technical assistance; configuration and maintenance of LAN and WAN networks; HIPAA/HITECH compliance resources; assistance and implementation of Office 365, which Microsoft offers for free to non-profit organizations. It moves your data and e-mail to the Cloud, so you don't have to host your own servers.

A photograph of a man in a dark suit and glasses shaking hands with another person. The background is a light blue network diagram with several stylized human figures connected by lines. A large green arrow points from the bottom left towards the right, passing behind the man and the handshake.

“NJAMHAA has been the go-to organization for advocacy, information, strategic direction, training and IT support for decades.”

— *Jim McCreath, PhD, LCSW, NJAMHAA Board Member and Vice President, Behavioral Health/ Psychiatry, Trinitas Regional Medical Center*

# Additional Benefits for Individual Members



## Professionals and Retirees

Any mental health, substance use and intellectual/developmental disability professional, including clinicians, finance professionals, and others, is welcome to join because everyone can benefit from and contribute to the NJAMHAA network.

Individuals who have retired from the field are also encouraged to join to stay in touch with the industry, especially if they are serving as consultants for provider organizations.

Both currently employed and retired professionals are welcome to participate in Membership Meetings and on Practice Groups, described on page 4.

## Students

Full-time students are also welcome to join at a special rate to gain a competitive edge by learning about the latest news in the industry and networking with professionals from every corner of the state. Students may participate in Membership Meetings.





# How to Join NJAMHAA

Applications can be sent to, and additional information can be obtained from Ksenia Lebedeva, Coordinator of Advocacy and Member Services, at NJAMHAA, 3635 Quakerbridge Road, Suite 35, Mercerville, NJ 08619; 609-838-5488, ext. 225; klebedeva@njamhaa.org.

To learn more about NJAMHAA, visit [www.njamhaa.org](http://www.njamhaa.org). Detailed fact sheets of membership benefits and applications are available for download from the “Join NJAMHAA” section of the website. This page also includes links to the dues structure and dues worksheet for organizational members (dues are based on each organization’s behavioral health budget). The annual membership dues rate for individual professionals and retirees is \$250 and the rate for students is \$100.



## Refer A Member – Get a Free Conference Registration!

After you join, if you refer an individual or organization to join NJAMHAA, our thank you gift will be a free registration to either the Fall Behavioral Healthcare Meeting or one day of the Annual Conference in the spring. Individual members who refer other individual members will receive a \$50 coupon to put towards the registration fee of a one-day or half-day workshop (not including those presented as part of large conferences or DMHAS-funded workshops for non-funded agencies.)

Be sure your contact information is included on the referred individual’s or organization’s membership application!

# Follow NJAMHAA on social media!

We keep you informed of current affairs in mental health care and substance use treatment. We provide updates on trainings, events and resources available.



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