



Camden County Educational Services Commission receives \$1.94 million SAMHSA Mental Health Grant

Clementon, NJ Dec 7, 2022/-- The Camden County Educational Services Commission (CCESC) in Partnership with Oaks Integrated Care were awarded a \$1,940,000.00 grant for **School-Based Trauma-Informed Support Services and Mental Health Care for Children and Youth in Camden County, New Jersey**. The grant was awarded by the U. S. Department of Human Services-Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)-Center for Mental Health Services. The two-year grant comes with a possibility for an additional two years for a total of \$3,880,000.00.

"The grant award is the result of a strong collaborative effort between the CCESC and Oaks Integrated Care to solve the mental health crisis in K-12 schools," said Daniel Del Vecchio, the CCESC Superintendent. The focus of the grant is to provide proactive and reactive mental health services for Camden County Schools which includes training and professional development for staff and students. In addition, the grant will provide funding for licensed clinicians to provide crisis response in a sub-acute setting which will divert over 2000 emergency room visits resulting in more compassionate care for students and their families while simultaneously relieving overcrowding in emergency rooms and saving millions of dollars in healthcare costs. Oaks Vice President Michelle Carlamere shares, "As the demand for youth mental health services in our communities continues to increase, we're excited for the opportunity to partner with CCESC to provide students and staff members with trauma-informed support services."

About CCESC:

The Camden County Educational Services Commission is a New Jersey Local Education Agency established in 1979 as a shared services school district. The CCESC successfully delivers an array of superior academic and therapeutic services to over 200 school districts across the State of New Jersey. Visit www.camdenesc.org
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About Oaks Integrated Care:

Oaks Integrated Care is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for children, adults and families living with a mental illness, addiction or developmental disability. The organization offers over 230 programs throughout New Jersey designed to meet the needs of the community with compassion. For more information, please visit www.oaksintcare.org or call the Development Office at 609-267-5928.

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