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WRI ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

WRI conducts Legal Needs Assessment for the Camden Community Collaborative Partnership Clinic

WRI has been contracted to conduct a legal needs assessment on behalf of the Rutgers-Camden School of Law, which is interested in providing access to an array of legal services to Camden Community Collaborative Partnership (CCCP) Clinic patients. The Law School hypothesizes that patients utilizing the CCCP clinic have legal needs that if addressed would enhance both their physical wellbeing and medical compliance. The assessment will be conducted in order to glean information from both staff and patients at the clinic. The process of the assessment will go through several steps. The first part of the assessment will be gathering information from clinic staff about their perceptions of their patients' legal needs, including surveys and in-depth interviews. The next part will be gleaning information from the patients themselves about an exhaustive list of legal needs including bankruptcy, utilities, criminal record expungement, disability benefits, landlord/tenant issues, citizenship, living wills, and child guardianship. Finally, WRI will conduct focus groups with select clinic staff to explore how best to incorporate the identified needed legal services into their service delivery, as well as other relevant recommendations from their patients.



WRI completes evaluation of Living Proof Recovery Center

WRI recently completed a program evaluation – both process and outcome – on the Living Proof Recovery Center, operated by the Center for Family Services. Living Proof aims to help people find, maintain and enhance their recovery from alcohol, drug, and other addictions through a full array of peer-driven support, sober recreation and educational opportunities. Regarding the process evaluation, WRI reviewed the project's goals and objectives in order to assess how well program implementation of the program aligned with the initial project proposal. Where CFS deviated from the original plan, WRI sought to determine why and what the impact of the change had on the Recovery Center's implementation. Regarding the outcome evaluation, WRI determined if the objectives of the Recovery Center were met. Some of the outcomes that were assessed included: increased abstinence, prevention of relapses, and self-defined quality of life. In order to assess these outcomes WRI utilized quantitative methods to track and assess individual outcomes of clients receiving services from the Recovery Center.



Living Proof
Recovery Center



Nicole McCann joins WRI to work on the Prevention project. She is currently in her first year at Rutgers Law School on the Camden campus. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from Rutgers-Camden.

WRI is excited to welcome James D. Morgante, Ph.D. as a Senior Project Coordinator. He is currently working on the Family Counts (FAMCO) evaluation. He comes to WRI with very impressive credentials, a Bachelor of Science in Special Education from Vanderbilt University, a Master of Arts in Social Science from the University of Chicago, a Master of Science and a Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Massachusetts.

Kathy Malpass joined WRI as an Administrative Assistant in June 2015. She previously worked in the hotel industry, and is excited to work as the support person for the WRI office.

WRI welcomes Kaila LeShack as a Project Assistant working on the Prevention project. She holds an Associate's Degree from Brookdale Community College and a Bachelor of Arts from Rutgers-Camden, both in Criminal Justice. She will be continuing her studies on the Camden campus at the graduate level this fall in the Masters of Criminal Justice program.

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