

**ESSEX COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY CIVILIAN TASK FORCE TO HOST
PUBLIC MEETING ON ADDICTION RECOVERY AND POST-DETOX RELAPSE
PREVENTION**

Public Meeting Scheduled for Friday, November 14, 2025

Essex County, NJ - The Essex County Correctional Facility (ECCF) Civilian Task Force will hold an in-person public meeting on **Friday, November 14, 2025**, to discuss best practices, regionally and nationally, regarding incarcerated persons struggling with addiction and the dangers of relapse following detoxification and release from incarceration.

The meeting will feature guest speakers from leading healthcare, recovery, and legal institutions who will share insights on detox protocols, addiction education within correctional settings, and post-release recovery supports.

The meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Friday, November 14, 2025

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: New Jersey Reentry Corporation Newark Site, 936 Bergen St, Newark, NJ

Livestream: www.facebook.com/EssexCountyCivilianTaskForce

Guest Speakers include:

- *Elliott Liebling* - Director of Prevention and Operations, RWJ Barnabas Health Institute for Prevention and Recovery
- *Barrett Young* - President and CEO, Trenton Rescue Mission
- *La-Tricia Gordon* - Medical Education Specialist, Rutgers Medications for Addiction Treatment Center of Excellence, Department of Psychiatry, Rutgers Health
- *Nicole DiMaria* - Legal Representative/Counsel to Healthcare Entities
- *Dr. Angelo Reynolds* – Founder, The Transformers Academy

This public meeting will center on strategies to prevent relapse and overdose among recently released individuals, strengthen in-facility education and treatment programs, and improve continuity of care between the correctional facility and community-based services.

Individuals who would like to offer comments or questions during this public hearing must register in advance. Please note that this meeting and public comments will be limited to the discussion topics related to **addiction treatment, detoxification protocols, and post-release recovery planning**.

Please register in advance on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eccf-task-force-hearing-on-addiction-reentry-tickets-1965497959306?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>

The public may register for public comments at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSBPJ4_f3OAMtltWi5MrEw6-AnZP5M5If17kCdGf4VMecQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

All submissions may be shared with Essex County officials and ECCF administrators. Please mark statements as “confidential” if you wish them to remain private to the Task Force.

Those who wish to contact the Civilian Task Force, submit a complaint, or request more information about the public meeting should email **JailTaskForce@admin.essexcountynj.org** or call **973-877-8037**. For more information about the Task Force, visit **www.essexcountynj.org/corrections/** and click on the link for the “*Civilian Task Force*.”

The intent of the nine-member Task Force is to provide “**transparency and accountability**” for ECCF operations, to protect the “**lives, health, safety, and rights of all people confined at the ECCF,**” and to ensure that the “**conditions of their confinement are safe, sanitary, respectful, and humane,**” as outlined in the County ordinance. The Task Force operates independently of the County government and has the authority to inspect ECCF, interview correctional officers, inmates, and detainees, and review systemic issues and concerns.

Members of the Task Force were nominated by Essex County Executive **Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.** and appointed by the **Board of County Commissioners** in June 2020 through an established advice and consent process.