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Talking to Kids When They Need Help

by Lynn Schiller, Ph.D, Public Education Coordinator for the New Jersey Psychological Association



New Jersey Psychological Association Offers Tips to Help Parents Talk to Kids During Mental Health Awareness Month - May is National Mental Health Awareness Month and NJPA is offering tips to help parents recognize the signs of mental illness and emotional distress in their children. One in five children and adolescents experiences the signs and symptoms of a mental disorder in the course of a year, according to the National Institutes of Health.

When kids experience difficulties, it's important that they feel comfortable going to their parents or other adults for help. Some children may internalize their feelings. If something is troubling them, they may not speak up and ask for help. Sometimes, they don't realize that help is available. As the first line of support, parents must be able to identify when their children are struggling emotionally.

Lynn Schiller, PhD, chair of the NJPA Public Education Committee, states that "it is important for parents to be on the lookout for changes in your child's behavior and expression of their feelings." Dr. Schiller recommends the Mayo Clinic's warning sign list to help determine whether a mental illness may be occurring in a child (Mental Illness in children: Know the signs. Retrieved from <http://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/childrens-health/in-depth/mental-illness-in-children/art-20046577>)

- Mood changes. Look for feelings of sadness or withdrawal that last at least two weeks or severe mood swings that cause problems in relationships at home or school.
- Intense feelings. Be aware of feelings of overwhelming fear for no reason — sometimes with a racing heart or fast breathing — or worries or fears intense enough to interfere with daily activities.
- Behavior changes. These include drastic changes in behavior or personality, as well as dangerous or out-of-control behavior. Fighting frequently, using weapons and expressing a desire to badly hurt others also are warning signs.
- Difficulty concentrating. Look for signs of trouble focusing or sitting still, both of which might lead to poor performance in school.

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Get to know your County Official.....

How many years have you served as Somerset County Surrogate?

I have served as Surrogate for 15 years.

What was the first public office you held?

The first public office I ever held was Bound Brook Borough Councilman from 1992-2000; I served as Council President from 1994-1998. I also served as Acting Mayor of Bound Brook in 1999 during Hurricane Floyd, which severely affected the town. That was a huge challenge, and an incredible experience I'll never forget.

Why did you choose to run for Surrogate?

I chose to run for Surrogate because I was interested in holding a County office, since my previous experience was representing people in the private sector and also representing the public in my Borough Council positions. When Patrick Fittipaldi announced his retirement as Surrogate of Somerset County, I thought it would be a position where I could continue to engage with the public on a daily basis. I have found it challenging and rewarding to participate with families during their most difficult situations.

What had been the most difficult decision you have had to make while serving as Somerset County Surrogate?

The most trying time was after the 9-11 attacks. There wasn't one decision but a series of decisions that had to be made regarding the Somerset County family members who were lost. I had to follow specific laws that unfortunately affected surviving spouses financially in a negative way because of the prevailing distribution rules. Afterwards, legislators moved rapidly to change the laws pertaining to those affected by that horrific event.

What would our readers be most surprised to learn about you?

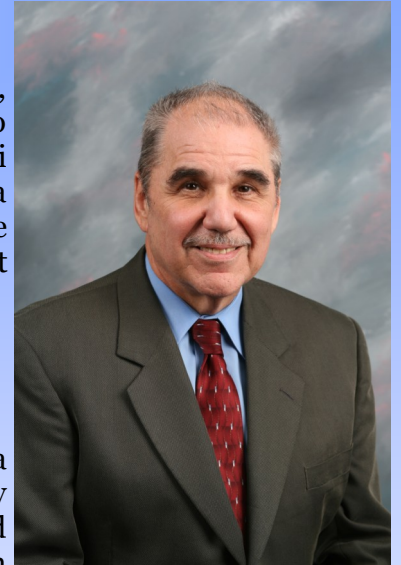
They would be surprised to know that up until recently, I was a radio disc jockey for over eight years on an FM station here in New Jersey.

Who is your role model?

My role models without hesitation would first be my parents, who set a standard in my life that I attempt to follow. Also, I would be remiss if I didn't mention former Raritan Mayor Anthony J. DeCicco, because of his love of public service and his common-sense approach to government. And lastly, NJ Devils President Lou Lamoriello, who is well respected and recognized by all sports and business managers as a giant in the industry – and I'm not even a Devils fan, I'm a Rangers fan! His work ethic and leadership have served a New Jersey sports team well.

Why do you love Somerset County?

I love the visual variety Somerset County offers – the historic buildings that display wonderful architecture in our boroughs with their traditional main streets and, as you're driving to those boroughs, passing through the beautiful farms and open space. I especially enjoy seeing the horse farms. I think those combinations make for a wonderful place to live.



Frank Bruno
Surrogate



Talking to Kids When They Need Help *(continued)*

- Unexplained weight loss. A sudden loss of appetite, frequent vomiting or use of laxatives might indicate an eating disorder.
- Physical symptoms. Compared with adults, children with a mental health condition may develop headaches and stomachaches rather than sadness or anxiety.
- Physical harm. Sometimes a mental health condition leads to self-injury, also called self-harm. This is the act of deliberately harming your own body, such as cutting or burning yourself. Children with a mental health condition also may develop suicidal thoughts or actually attempt suicide.
- Substance abuse. Some kids use drugs or alcohol to try to cope with their feelings.

Getting kids to open up and talk can be a challenge, but the following tips can help start a conversation.

Make them feel safe. Put kids at ease so they feel comfortable opening up. It is essential to make it clear why the conversation is happening, as kids can be fearful that they may be in trouble or are being punished if they are pulled aside to talk. Parents might consider scheduling a time to talk one-on-one on a regular basis, such as a weekly lunch or after school snack.

Listen to them. Take the time to actively listen to what children have to say. Many times, all kids want is someone who will listen. Try to understand their perspective before offering suggestions. It's not necessary to try to fix everything. In many cases the best help is to listen attentively.

Be Genuine. Try to avoid speaking from a script. Kids can tell when you're not being genuine. Be open, authentic and relaxed to help them do the same.

Affirm and support their need for help. It's ok for children to express sadness or anger. Normalize those feelings by telling them you're proud of them for sharing their feelings. Let them know how courageous it was for them to trust an adult for help. If it seems like they need more help than you can provide, consult with an appropriate professional. It might be best to start by talking to the school psychologist.

Don't be afraid to say I don't know. As a parent, it is ok to admit that you don't have all the answers. However, if a child asks a question, make every effort to find an answer or someone who can help.

Dr. Schiller adds, "Often the shock of having a mentally ill child can be debilitating. Try not to panic and know there are professionals out there to help with therapies, medication, and social service needs. It is also critically important that parents engage in their own self-care, whether it be individual therapy or support groups."

To learn more about mind/body health, visit the American Psychological Association at www.apa.org/helpcenter and follow @APAHelpCenter. To find out more about NJPA, visit www.psychologynj.org and follow @njpsychassn. You also contact Jane Selzer, Executive Director at njpajs@psychologynj.org or Christine Gurriere, Communications Manager, at njpacg@psychologynj.org. Both may be reached at (973) 243-9800.

The New Jersey Psychological Association (NJPA) is recognized as one of the strongest state psychological associations in the country. NJPA is an indispensable network of resources for the public and media, a staunch advocate for psychologists in the state, and an influential presence helping shape mental health policies in New Jersey. Visit them at www.PsychologyNJ.org to locate a psychologist or to find the most current news, articles, and events that may be of interest to you.



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Haledon Ave “Green Street” Grant Award

by Jason Simmons, Sr. Environmental Planner for the Department of Planning & Economic Development for Passaic County

The County of Passaic was awarded \$330,572 in funding from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection’s Nonpoint Source Pollutions Control Grants (319h) program to implement a “Green Streets” project! The project area is along Haledon Avenue from North 2nd Street to the N. Straight Street Bridge in Paterson.

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) defines “Green Streets” as “...a transportation corridor that incorporates low-impact design elements and promotes non-vehicular forms of transportation.”

This project relates to the NJ DEP’s 319h program as its implementation will reduce peak stormwater runoff volumes and flows; result in fewer combined sewerage overflow (CSO) events; improve water quality; create more green space; and mitigate urban heat island effect. All of these benefits will ultimately result in improved water quality in the Passaic River and surrounding bodies of water by treating over 7 million gallons of stormwater annually!

Green Streets Principles:

- Reduce Storm Water Flow
- Improve Water Quality
- Reduce Urban Heating
- Enhance Pedestrian Safety
- Reduce Carbon Footprint
- Beautify Neighborhoods
- Complete/Multi-Modal Streets
- Catalyst for Redevelopment



Proposed Green Street Treatments	Gallons of Stormwater Treated Annually
Street Trees with tree pits	839,222.4
Pervious concrete bike lane or shoulder	6,713,779
Rain Gardens	82,276.71
Vegetated swale	27,425.57
TOTAL	7,662,704

The Haledon Avenue corridor was chosen because it is an ideal candidate for Green Street modifications. There is a significant stormwater management issue due to antiquated storm sewers and proximity to the Passaic River. The roadway is a particularly wide urban arterial with an excess of pavement and low-use of on-street parking, which encourages high speeds and creates a dangerous situation for pedestrians and bicyclists.

In addition to the green infrastructure the project will include reconstruction sidewalks and handicap ramps, high visibility crosswalks, installation of bike lanes, and proper curb reveal.

For further information please contact Jason Simmons via e-mail at jsimmons@passaiccountynj.org or telephone at (973) 569-4045.



Protecting Our Homeland: A Job Worth Recognizing

by Jennifer Dowd, Marketing Manager for Kronos Public Sector

At Kronos, we pay tribute to the millions of workers around the world who, without them, Kronos wouldn't be where we are today. But with Memorial Day just around the corner, it's important to commemorate the employees who have defended and protected our great nation, the United States of America. Their job is to protect and serve. It's so heroic, yet we sometimes take them for granted. Mainly because they do their job with modesty, integrity, and humbly accept praise.

Everyone has a story. Here is just one of the millions of stories from our dedicated military personnel.

His name is Major William Saint of the 62nd Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team for the Louisiana (U.S.) National Guard. After serving as a platoon leader in Iraq, this father of four continued his mission of keeping the public safe – this time by protecting his home soil from hazardous materials and weapons of mass destruction. Working behind the scenes at high-profile parades and major sporting events, Major Saint and his team make sure security is seamless. A job well done, he says, means “you won't even know we're there.” But they're there — keeping patrons safe while they enjoy events with friends and family.

To see the full video of Major Saint in action, visit: <http://www.1in100million/>.

If given the opportunity, make sure to thank a veteran or active military member this Memorial Day. It's because of them we owe our freedom.

To learn more about Kronos, please contact Wesley Witherington, Kronos Sales Executive State of New Jersey, Public Sector and Education, at wesley.witherington@kronos.com or via telephone at (973) 331-5465.



Mercer County Executive Hughes Leads NJAC Conference Workshop on Ending Homelessness

by Julie Willmot, PIO for Mercer County



Brian Hughes
County Executive

Mercer County Executive Brian M. Hughes led a professional development workshop on ending homelessness during the final day of the New Jersey Association of Counties' (NJAC) 65th annual conference in Atlantic City.

Mr. Hughes was part of a four-person panel discussing the topic “Ending Homelessness While Saving Money: Models from Mercer, Bergen, and Atlantic Counties.” Mr. Hughes spoke about Mercer County's recent success in reducing family homelessness, for which the County has received national recognition. By using an approach called Rapid Rehousing, Mercer has been able to reduce its number of homeless families by 74 percent since 2007, almost double the statewide rate and more than four times the national rate.

“I'm pleased to have another opportunity to discuss our comprehensive, collaborative efforts to reduce the numbers of homeless people in Mercer County, and I'm happy to share ideas with other panelists and those attending the NJAC workshop,” Mr. Hughes said. “I hope Mercer County serves as motivation and a model for other communities that are looking for proven ways to help some of our most vulnerable neighbors achieve better lives.”

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Mercer County Executive Hughes Leads NJAC Conference Workshop on Ending Homelessness *(continued)*

Hughes told the capacity crowd that Mercer's positive results contradict the common belief that shelters are more economical "What we've learned in Mercer is that it is actually less expensive to get families into permanent housing than it is to shelter," Hughes said. "The average cost to rapidly rehouse a family is \$16,200 compared to sheltering a family, where the average cost is \$32,127. Rapid Re-housing decreases public assistance spending per family by 50 percent."

Mr. Hughes also spoke about Mercer County's successful efforts to reduce family homelessness last summer at the National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference in Washington, D.C., and again in December at an invitation-only county executive forum hosted by the Harvard Kennedy School in Cambridge, Mass.

Joining Mr. Hughes on the NJAC panel was Deb Ellis, Executive Director, NJ Coalition to End Homelessness; Julia Orlando, Director, Bergen County Housing, Health and Human Services Center; and Ann Thoresen, MSW, LSCW, Jewish Family Service of Atlantic City.



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Do you have educational or informational articles you would like published in the NJAC COUNTY BIZ?

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Fiber as an Economic Tool

by Millennium Communications Group

If you manufactured a product and knew it could be the most valuable item you would create in our life, would you just let someone else steal it away? Well, that is what's happening to communities that cannot offer high speed internet to create opportunities; they are simply hemorrhaging their young adult population to areas where high speed internet is available. Many communities are looking to traditional internet service providers (ISP's) to solve this issue, but are finding that most ISP's are saying "no thanks" as it is simply not profitable for them to build in these communities. So, how do you get high speed internet if the ISP's won't build in your area? Consider building your own fiber optic network. This might seem like a costly option, but once you see the return investment along with the many other benefits, you might just change your mind.

A huge problem for communities that are unable to provide fast and cost efficient internet, especially rural areas, is the loss of an important resource, the young adults native to their community. Young adults are what make communities grow and create a stable living environment for the retiree generation. Without working-age people, there is no way to create enough tax revenue to pay for the things needed to protect and help all citizens. Once young adults have exposure to faster internet connectivity, and in turn more opportunity they often do not move back to areas with less than desirable internet connections. Private fiber networks can help to make these communities more attractive to young adults. Faster internet speeds at lower costs also attract businesses to an area. More business in an area creates more job opportunities, which means more people moving into the area. More business also creates new, decent paying jobs, which drives up the living wages and will only increase the value of the community.

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Understandably the thought of building a private fiber network may leave you shaking your head, but the return on the investment is more than worth the cost, for this generation and the next. Most private fiber networks Millennium Communications Group Inc. has built have seen a return on investment in less than 3 years. In only 3 short years you will make back your monetary investment, and you will be able to see the soft measure ROI's, like more businesses, new opportunities, and increased populations over several lifetimes. Additionally, with Millennium Communications Group's experience and vast knowledge, the community may decide to partner with us to finance, own, and manage the network on your behalf; mitigating some of the risk, but keeping all the same rewards.

Ready to talk fiber? Send us an inquiry and we will set you up with one of our industry experts to get you started. If you are interested in more information on private fiber optic networks check out our website www.millenniuminc.com or contact us at info@millenniuminc.com.



EMEX, LLC Forges a New Breed of Energy Risk Management Services

by Todd Bennett, Director, Public and Private Sector

EMEX, LLC, takes client-centric approach which yields beneficial results for key American Industries - A leading consulting and energy risk management firm powered by the latest technology, has expanded its focus on clients, creating unique products and partnerships to help key segments of the U.S. economy. Recently innovated energy supply products for managing energy cost risk are now available to Asset Management Companies, the Hospitality Industry and Foundries across the deregulated U.S. territories.

"We continue to evolve and improve our umbrella of energy risk management services throughout North America as our footprint grows," says Todd Bennett, EMEX Director of National Accounts. "The energy markets in the U.S. are undergoing a dramatic shift resulting from increased natural gas supplies and governmental regulations. As the market changes, large consumers of electricity and natural gas should be looking to implement energy cost risk management strategies that are consistent with their unique needs."

The energy products developed by EMEX, coupled with its proprietary Reverse Auction and Exchange platform technologies, drive competition between Retail Energy Suppliers to win the right to provide electricity and/or natural gas to EMEX's clients. EMEX has partnerships with over 75 major Retail Energy Providers that participate in its reverse auctions, covering the entire deregulated U.S. electricity market and many key states where natural gas is deregulated.



Todd Segmond
CEO

EMEX Vice President Ryan Segmond adds: "With decades' worth of experience in the commodity, financial and legal markets, EMEX has set the bar for energy supply consultancy through customized commodity structuring and our hyper-competitive bidding mechanisms. We do this by aligning the client's contract requirements with their internal risk tolerances to design an ideal energy supply product, and then host a supplier bidding war for that product to generate the best possible option. EMEX leads the way in electricity and natural gas product innovation and simple, transparent bidding technology."

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EMEX, LLC Forges a New Breed of Energy Risk Management Services *(continued)*

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Debbe Borre, Portfolio Manager for Colliers, a client of EMEX's, comments that "EMEX's knowledge of Asset Management and Portfolio Services is crucial in formulating effective energy supply products for Colliers' properties. With each of our assets carrying individual objectives, EMEX's ability to customize retail energy options in parallel with each property's needs and requirements helps offset Ownership and Corporate risk while providing immediate financial benefits through the reduction in static operating costs."

EMEX is now offering Free Energy Supply Audits to major and mid-market corporations and government entities across the country, which allows individual clients and aggregations to monitor real time natural gas and electricity energy supply rates that can be hedged for their portfolio without any legal or financial obligation to transact.



Hatch Mott MacDonald Wins ACEC Grand Award for Niagara Tunnel Project



Michael Schatz (HMM Managing Dir., Canada), Kevin Child (HMM Principal Project Mgr.), Mario Mazza (Ontario Power Generation), & Nick DeNichilo (HMM President & CEO).

Hatch Mott MacDonald has received a Grand Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) for its work on the [Niagara Tunnel](#) project. The award was presented at the 2015 Engineering Excellence Awards gala held in Washington, DC, on April 21.

Describing the project in its program, ACEC said, "More than six miles long and 43 feet in diameter, the new Niagara Tunnel is the largest renewable energy project in the world. Providing much-needed power for the city of Niagara Falls, it is located deep beneath the city and is more than one and a half times wider than the English Channel Tunnel." ACEC noted that among the project's firsts was its use of the world's largest hard-rock boring machine, with cutterheads weighing about 66 tons (60 metric tons) each, and the world's largest nonreinforced concrete tunnel liner.

CEO and President Nick DeNichilo, who was on hand to accept the award, said, "We are proud to have taken part in this historic international engineering project. The Niagara Tunnel is not only a major engineering feat but an important part of Ontario's green energy future."

HMM also received National Recognition Awards for five additional projects: [Sterling Water Treatment System](#), [Riverwalk – 14th Street Bridge and Plaza](#), [Keswick Water Pollution Control Plant Outfall](#), [Port Mann/Highway 1 Improvement](#), and [Reconstruction of NJ Route 10 Bridge over Passaic River](#). In addition, T.Y. Lin and Moffatt & Nichol received the Grand Conceptor Award, the highest project award, for the [San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge New East Span](#), for which HMM has also performed engineering services. The Niagara Tunnel project has won previous honors from the Canadian Consulting Engineering Awards, the Consulting Engineers of Ontario, the Tunnelling Association of Canada, and from Platts Global Energy Awards.



Upcoming Sustainable Jersey Events

by Winnie Fatton, Project Manager for the Sustainable Institute at the College of New Jersey

2015 NEW JERSEY
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SUMMIT | JUNE 10, 2015
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
200 PENNINGTON ROAD
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Music Building, The College of New Jersey, 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ 08628

June 10, 2015 – 8:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

[REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE](#)

Most people see the benefits of having clean air, fresh water, alternative energy options, waterways filled with fish, garbage in its proper place, parks and open space and a healthy place to work, live and go to school. The big question is how do we achieve this as a state? With over 400 municipalities and 150 schools and districts participating in Sustainable Jersey, now is the time to ask big questions.

The New Jersey Sustainability Summit will provide an understanding of how we are doing as a state. Through information-rich educational sessions designed to share existing efforts and test emerging best practices, attendees will take home valuable resources to make progress in the community.

Countdown To Certification: Make Sure You're Ready!

June 3, 2015 – 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

[REGISTER FOR THE WEBINAR](#)

The clock is ticking...and the June 7th application deadline is rapidly approaching.

If you have last minute questions about the certification process, Sustainable Jersey is here to help! This webinar will review what you need to know to insure that your application process is as smooth as possible.

Topics covered:

2015 submission and review cycle

Steps for submitting an application in June and throughout the remainder of the year

Overview of uploading documentation and submitting the application

YOUR QUESTIONS!

Challenge Your School or Community To Be More Sustainable: Show How Small Actions Can Create Real Change

June 17, 2015 – 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

[REGISTER FOR THE WEBINAR](#)

Is your school or town thinking about doing a green challenge? Sustainable Jersey's green challenge action asks people to pledge to "take a challenge," and to make a specific change in their lives or in their behavior towards greater sustainability.

Sounds like a good idea, but are you wondering how you'll decide what challenge to propose or how to keep track of pledges?

Sustainable Jersey is partnering with the Northwest Earth Institute (NWEI) to offer municipalities, schools, organizations or individuals the opportunity to prove that small actions create real change.

For two weeks, October 15-29, 2015, participants are challenged to change one habit for Earth. You ask your community or school members to choose their challenge, and they will be connected with other EcoChallengers, and collectively will prove that small actions create real change. This webinar will provide more information about the EcoChallenge, and explain how you and your town, school or organization can participate.

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Upcoming Sustainable Jersey Events *(continued)*

NWEI's EcoChallenge offers a great way to fulfill the "Green Challenges & Community Programs" action in both the Sustainable Jersey and Sustainable Jersey for Schools program(s), since it provides a ready-made challenge and system for tracking the collective impact of many people making sustainable changes in their everyday lives.

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SHOW ME THE MONEY: Learn How to Finance Your Building Upgrades Through Energy Savings **June 24, 2015- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm** [REGISTER FOR THE WEBINAR](#)

Do you have large municipal or school buildings that need upgrades such as high efficiency motors, transformers, water heaters or boilers? If you are wondering how to pay for these upgrades, this webinar will explain how to leverage energy savings from installing energy efficiency measures to cover upfront costs!

An Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP) is a financing tool that allows New Jersey municipalities and school districts to become more energy efficient, saving money and tax dollars!

Speakers include:

Mike Thulen, NJ Clean Energy Program
 Tony O'Donnell, Sustainable Jersey

You'll hear about Sustainable Jersey's ESIP How To Guide and find out about:

Current state law regarding ESIPs

The nine step process to develop and implement an ESIP

NJ Clean Energy Programs that can provide additional financial and technical assistance for your project

Lessons learned from organizations that have undertaken ESIPs There will be time for Questions and Answers.

Sustainable Jersey for Schools Webinars

What Would You Do with \$4,000 to Improve Student and Staff Wellness?

Monday, May 18, 2015 – 3:30-4:30 pm [REGISTER FOR THE WEBINAR](#)

If your district or school is participating in Sustainable Jersey for Schools and serves students in Grade 6 or above, there is funding available to help you to implement health and wellness actions. The New Jersey Department of Health (NJ DOH), through its Maternal and Child Health Services Title V Block Grant, is providing \$120,000 for a Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program cycle. The cycle will fund thirty \$4,000 awards to complete specific Sustainable Jersey for Schools health and wellness actions. Join us to learn more about the programs and activities that could be funded by this grant and the online grant application process. The grant application deadline is Friday, June 26, 2015. Notification of grant awards will be made by Friday, August 21, 2015 to implement actions in 2015-2016 school year.

Successful School Green Teams (Schools' Webinar)

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 -- 12:00-1:00 [REGISTER FOR THE WEBINAR](#)

Participants will learn from other schools and districts tools to enhance green team participation and strengthen partnerships. Additional clarification and guidance will be offered on fulfilling the requirements for the mandatory "Green Team" action.



Nationwide Economics

Weekly Economic Review & Outlook for May 11, 2015

by Michael Groom, Financial Markets Economist of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company and Ben Ayers, Staff Economist of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company

Weekly Review

The S&P 500 stock index approached all-time highs on the heels of an employment report that was in line with expectations with a gain of 223,000 jobs in April. This followed a disappointing increase in March of just 85,000 jobs, after revisions subtracted 39,000 jobs from the prior two months.

Breadth was strong last month, with job gains occurring in all major sectors, which was last experienced six months ago. The gain seemed to allay fears of a pronounced slowdown as investors piled into U.S. equities, pushing the S&P 500 up by more than one percent on Friday to get back to even for the week. Cyclical sectors, which are more indicative of the current strength of the economy, put in multi-month highs with constructions, leisure, and business services adding 45, 17, and 62 thousand jobs respectively. From the growth optimist's point of view, it seems likely that the economy is beginning the process of escaping the first quarter's soft patch with a confirmation from improving jobless claims and an ISM report that suggested increased new orders and production figures.

Average hourly earnings (AHE) growth is still stubbornly modest, however, suggesting no near-term change in Fed policy. The March increase of 0.3 percent was revised lower to 0.2 percent, with April up by only 0.1 percent. The longer term upward trend remains intact, however, with the 12-month increase at 2.2 percent-keeping real wage gains positive as inflation is still low. The breadth in wage increases was mediocre, with manufacturing and business services AHE down a bit and construction up.

The jobs report had something for both the financial market hawks and doves. Leading indicators were mixed, with gains in temporary employment but another slide in manufacturing hours. In sum, the report should not change much in the eyes of policy makers at the Fed. With one more pedestrian indicator in the books, it seems increasingly likely that rate hikes will not occur until at least the autumn-with the implied rates derived from federal funds futures prices sliding further after the data was released on Friday.

Weekly Outlook

Economic data this week will focus on April data for retail sales, the producer price index, and industrial production, as well as consumer sentiment from the first half of May.

- After several months of decline, mainly due to worse-than-usual weather, **retail sales** rebounded strongly in March, posting the largest monthly gain in a year. An already reported drop in auto sales should hold down retail sales growth in April, with a projected modest 0.3 percent gain. **Retail sales excluding autos**, however, should reflect an improved pace of consumer spending led by strong job growth, rising by 0.5 percent in April.
- The **Producer Price Index** should rise for the second consecutive month in April due to the continued upward movement in energy prices-we expect an increase of 0.4 percent.

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- Slower economic growth in the first quarter, the stronger dollar, worse-than-usual winter weather and the West Coast port slowdowns have slowed growth **industrial production** this year. The production component of the ISM manufacturing index rose moderately in April, suggesting that industrial production should rebound by 0.8 percent for the month.
- Consumer sentiment has weathered mixed recent economic readings, trending up to the highest levels since before the recession. We expect sentiment for the first half of May to move higher again to 96.5—mostly from a stronger labor market, as denoted by the drop in weekly jobless claims.



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New Census Bureau Population Estimates Pinpoint Fastest-Growing Counties in NJ *by the U.S. Census Bureau*

The U.S. Census Bureau reported March 26th on where the heaviest population growth in New Jersey was concentrated last year.

The fastest-growing county in New Jersey between July 1, 2013 and July 1, 2014, was Hudson County, whose population rose 0.8 percent over the period. Hudson County was followed by Bergen County 0.7 percent, Middlesex County 0.7 percent, Union County 0.6 percent and Ocean County 0.5 percent.

With respect to numerical growth, Bergen County added 6,138 people over the period, more than any other county in the state. It was followed by Middlesex County, which grew by 5,482 people, Hudson County 5,209, Essex County 3,632 and Union County 3,216.

Bergen County is the most populous county in New Jersey, with 933,572 residents, followed by Middlesex County and Essex County.

The information is based on annual population estimates for each of the nation's counties, county equivalents, metropolitan statistical area, and micropolitan statistical areas since the 2010 Census and up to July 1, 2014. Internet tables are available showing rankings and components of population change (births, deaths, migration).

Throughout this year, on a flow basis, the Census Bureau is telling the economic side of this story through the release of statistics from its Economic Census Geographic Area Series. The economic census is conducted every five years and provides a comprehensive and detailed profile of the U.S. economy, covering millions of businesses representing more than 1,000 industries and local communities. Data on measures such as the number of establishments and employees, revenues and payroll are included. Statistics are being provided for states, counties and places, including for more than 5,000 communities not available from previous economic censuses.

For further information on the U.S. Census Bureau please click [here](#).



Video-Game Therapy Making Gains with Post-Stroke Residents at Roosevelt

by Maria Prato, Public Information Officer, Middlesex County Improvement Authority

The revolution of video games has made immeasurable strides since first commercially debuting in the early 1970s.



Grigore Burdea, PhD

Now local researchers are drawing on these games to study and advance a type of virtual-rehabilitation therapy and to improve the lives of individuals suffering from post-cerebral vascular disease, a condition often associated with strokes.

Exploring the full effects of his break-through treatment, Grigore Burdea, PhD, a veteran professor at Rutgers University and a maverick in the field of virtual reality, has teamed up with two Central Jersey, long-term care facilities, Roosevelt Care Center at Edison and JFK Hartwyck Edison Estates.

“Conventional medicine provides rehabilitation six-to-nine months after a stroke,” Burdea said. “The justification for this continues to be that, it’s basically reached a plateau. But (patients) can, in fact, improve further.”

Under the umbrella of his Highland Park-based company, Bright Cloud International, Burdea is currently targeting nursing homes’ stroke survivors with this cutting-edge therapy.

“It’s intensive, repetitive training with a purpose,” he explains. “It’s also responsible for improving focus, memories, decision-making and reducing depression.” In initial trials, he’s also seen marked gains among elderly dementia patients.

“Our games, unlike off-the-shelf games, adapt to patients,” Burdea said. “In the past, they have used video games for stroke rehabilitation, but we’re doing it using both hands. There are a whole slew of advantages. When you train the good and the paralyzed arm, it helps build connections between the two lobes (of the brain).”

Another pitfall of conventional medicine is that it typically treats patients from the neck up or the neck down. “So many different specialties do not take into account the connection,” Burdea said.

During an afternoon session at Roosevelt Tuesday, Burdea and his colleague, Gregory House, PhD, embarked on their first-ever tournament, remotely pairing Roosevelt residents with those at Hartwyck. Operating at varying capacities, one player supports the other, he said.

Tucked away in an unassuming Roosevelt room are a large-scale television monitor, various components of a custom gaming system, a BCI BrightArm Duo adjustable, tilted table and an elderly subject. Researchers watched closely as the data streamed in.

With some ease, the patient clutches and intermittently squeezes a small rubber ball attached to a controller that moves in a range of directions along the near frictionless table, tilted up at 20 degrees. The subject is fixed to the screen, navigating a hang glider through ring after ring. Meanwhile, overhead cameras adapt the game to the patient’s every move.

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Video-Game Therapy Making Gains with Post-Stroke Residents at Roosevelt *(continued)*

A modern take on Atari's Breakout preceded this game and a version of the memory game followed, all custom designed by Bright Cloud International. On screen, a phantom Hartwyck partner, located 6 miles away, assisted the Roosevelt subject through each maneuver.

Unbeknownst to either player, they are moving their arms 400-to-600 times during an hour-long session, working 10 times harder than they would be in a traditional rehabilitation setting. "Games become winnable by even those, who are low-functioning," Burdea adds. "They feel in control and happier seeing rewards through applause and fireworks. We're constantly reinforcing, and there's no surprise the residents like to do it."

Prior to the tournament, all residents were assessed by an unaffiliated, third-party clinician using standardized measurements. This practice will be applied at the close of the tournament to document any progress.

"The measurements are universally accepted, so we're comparing apples to apples," Burdea said. "Results show we are able to improve arm function and the brain many years after their stroke."

For further information on Roosevelt Care Center at Edison, an operation overseen by the Middlesex County Improvement Authority, log onto www.rooseveltcarecenter.com or call 732-321-6800. More details on Bright Cloud International Corporation may be found at www.brightcloudint.com



Focus on Electric Safety Month

by Frank Tedesco, Media Relations Manager for Atlantic City Electric

May is National Electrical Safety Month, and Atlantic City Electric would like to share the following tips to help keep you safe when working with or around electricity:

- If you see a downed wire, stay away and call the Atlantic City Electric emergency outage number, 1-800-833-7476. Assume all downed wires are energized.
- Before digging, call 811, the national One Call Notification System number, so any utility lines can be marked before construction.
- Educate children so they will know the dangers and stay away from electric facilities such as substations, transmission towers and pad-mounted transformers, also known as green boxes.
- Know your overhead surroundings before starting a project. When carrying long or tall items, such as ladders, tree saws and pool cleaning equipment, hold them parallel to the ground. Remember that electricity can move through conductive materials, such as water, metal, wood, aluminum, string and plastics. Stay away from overhead lines. Be watchful when trimming trees or working near the electrical connection to your property.

"Spring creates great opportunities to work and play outdoors," said Vince Maione, Atlantic City Electric region president. "We ask that you take the time to follow and share these simple Electric Safety Month tips as well as making safety an important beginning and end to every day."



For more information about Atlantic City Electric, visit www.atlanticcityelectric.com

Federal Grants

Source Reduction Assistance Grant

Deadline: May 28, 2015

Available: \$10,000 to \$130,000

Number of Awards: 12 - 18

<http://www.epa.gov/p2/pubs/grants/srap/srap15.pdf>



Comprehensive Services for Victims of All Forms of Human Trafficking

Deadline: June 1, 2015

Available: Maximum of \$750,000 over a period of 3 years

Number of Awards: Up to 10

http://ojp.gov/ovc/grants/pdf/txt/OVC_FY15_Comprehensive_Services_508.pdf



CONGRATULATIONS

Gerald M. Thornton, Cape May County Freeholder Director, was awarded the “Maurice Fitzgibbons Freeholder of the Year Award” at the NJAC Celebration of County Government.

MONOC President and CEO, Vincent Robbins, has been named by the U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx to serve on the National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (NEMSAC), which is authorized by Congress to advise the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Federal Interagency Committee on EMS (FICEMS). Robbins will serve a two year term representing hospital based EMS throughout the United States.

Maser Consulting PA, recently named 2015 Best Places to Work in New Jersey by NJBIZ.

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

Learn about the benefits of being a part of NJAC and how you can join
by contacting
Loren Wizman, Business Development Director, at
(609) 394-3467 or loren@njac.org.

2015 NACo Annual Conference Registration is Open

Celebrate NACo's 80th Annual Conference and register for this summer's event, **July 10-13** in Mecklenburg County, N.C. NACo's 80th Annual Conference and Exposition provides an opportunity for all county leaders and staff to learn, network and guide the direction of the association. The Annual Conference, held each July, is hosted by a NACo member county.

This year, the conference will be held in Mecklenburg County, (Charlotte) North Carolina. The Annual Conference provides county officials with a great opportunity to vote on NACo's policies related to federal legislation and regulation; elect officers; network with colleagues; learn about innovative county programs; find out about issues impacting counties across the country; and view products and services from participating companies and exhibitors.

To register [click here](#) or Contact: [Kim Struble](#)



RESOLUTIONS PROCESS

In preparation for the National Association of Counties (NACo) [Annual Conference and Exposition](#), July 10-13 in Mecklenburg County/Charlotte, North Carolina, we invite NACo members to submit policy resolutions and platform changes to be considered at the conference.

The NACo resolutions process provides members with the ability to participate in national policy decisions affecting county governments by proposing changes to NACo's platform or policy resolutions that, if approved, will be added to the platform for one year. Resolutions and platform changes submitted through this process will be considered during the Annual Conference by NACo's ten policy steering committees, its Board of Directors and its membership.

The [American County Platform](#) and the association's policy resolutions are carefully considered statements of the needs and interests of county governments throughout the nation. These policy statements serve as a guide for NACo members and staff to advance the association's federal policy agenda before the White House, Congress and federal agencies. Please refer to the comprehensive overview of NACo's policy resolution process [here](#).

Please work with the appropriate steering committee [staff liaison](#) to adhere to the following guidelines:

HOW TO SUBMIT AND FORMAT PLATFORM CHANGES AND RESOLUTIONS

All resolutions and platform changes must be submitted electronically (preferably as Word documents) via email to resolutions@naco.org by June 10, 2015. Submissions MUST identify the title and issue area in the email subject line (i.e. CDBG Appropriations, Community and Economic Development). Click [here](#) for a sample resolution.

Resolutions should be concise and no more than one page in length. The standard format includes:

Issue: Short sentences stating the purpose of the resolution

Proposed Policy: Concise statement specifying a position or action by NACo and/or other entities

Background: 1-2 paragraph statement clearly outlining the county interest in the particular issue

Fiscal/Urban/Rural Impact: Short statement addressing the potential impact(s) for counties in the specific issue area

Sponsor: Name and contact information of NACo member sponsoring the resolution. It is important to include contact information so that the NACo staff can follow up if there are any questions or additional information required.



The Stepping Up Initiative

by Steve Leifman, Associate Judge, 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida

When I first became a judge, I discovered something that my legal and judicial training had not prepared me for. It was something all too familiar to anyone who worked in the criminal justice system, but was seldom discussed. Day after day, defendants would stand before me, often appearing disheveled and distraught.

Most were charged with relatively minor offenses such as loitering or panhandling. Some exhibited impulsive behaviors, speaking in pressured, incoherent sentences. Others were guarded and withdrawn, appearing to have little understanding of the circumstances in which they found themselves.

Before being arrested, many were living on the streets, struggling with addiction and histories of trauma. However, homelessness, substance abuse, and trauma were not typically the root causes of their difficulties.

Rather, these were merely symptoms of a larger set of personal and social factors contributing to unfortunate and often repeated involvement in the criminal justice system of people from many different backgrounds who all shared one thing in common: serious mental illnesses.

Up on release, many are unable to secure the types of supports necessary to facilitate adaptive re-entry and reintegration because services in the community tend to be poorly coordinated and difficult to access. Even when services are available, they tend to be severely under-resourced: Between 2009 and 2012, states slashed spending on public mental health services by \$4.35 billion. The result is high rates of recidivism to the justice system, compromised public health and safety, chronic homelessness, and disproportionate use of high cost and inefficient acute care services.

If we treated people with primary health care needs the way we treat people with mental illnesses, there would be rampant lawsuits and criminal indictments.

For example, a person who needs a knee replacement undergoes surgery, remains hospitalized until they are medically cleared, and then is sent to a rehabilitation center until they are ready to resume their life activities; all paid with insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare.

On the other hand, a person in a psychiatric crisis without financial means who is admitted to a hospital or crisis unit received treatment only as long as they are considered dangerous to themselves or others-frequently within hours or a few days. The person is then discharged, often to homelessness, and eventually finds their way into the criminal justice system, again and again and again.

Fortunately, there are promising solutions being developed as the result of innovative relationships and collaborations being formed at the interface of the criminal justice and mental health arenas.

Examples of effective problem-solving initiatives include crisis intervention teams that teach law enforcement officers to better recognize and respond to psychiatric emergencies in the community; jail diversion programs and mental health courts that utilize specialized dockets and provide judicial monitoring of treatment linkages and engagement; reentry programs that assist with linkages to treatment and support services upon completion of jail or prison sentences, and community corrections programs.

If we are to craft a more sensible, equitable and sustainable system of care that benefits people with mental illnesses and taxpayers alike, it is imperative that we work deliberately to examine and fix the system as a whole, and not just react as crisis situations arise.

This is a community problem requiring a community solution. Non of us created this crisis alone and none of us will solve it alone. By leveraging resources and working collaboratively across the justice system and the community, stakeholders can develop effective partnerships. In doing so, we can craft more equitable and sustainable policies and legislation that will help to minimize incarceration, reduce recidivism, improve public safety, and promote stronger, healthier communities. Click [here](#) for Stepping Up Toolkit.



JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS



The **Middlesex County Utilities Authority** is seeking the following.

TREASURER/COMPTROLLER

The Middlesex County Utilities Authority is a large public utility serving 850,000-plus residents over a three-county area. The Authority operates wastewater treatment and solid waste divisions with budgets of \$226 million and \$40 million respectively. The Treasurer/Comptroller will manage and direct all budgetary, fiscal, and accounting activities of the organization including financial planning, procurement, receipt, disbursement, custody and investment of funds, financial instruments and assets. This position reports directly to the Executive Director and the Board of Commissioners and the person selected will be designated as Chief Financial Officer and Certifying Officer in accordance with statutory requirements.

This position requires a BS in Accounting or Finance; ten (10) years related experience, of which five (5) must be in an executive or management capacity and five (5) in a public sector environment. Designation as CPA and/or RMA is required. Experience with Word, Excel and Financial Edge software is desirable. Person selected must reside in the State of New Jersey or become a resident within one year of appointment. Salary based upon qualifications and experience. **Closing Date:** May 31, 2015

ASSISTANT TREASURER/COMPTROLLER

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Please submit resume, cover letter, copies of designations and salary history to: Middlesex County Utilities Authority, Attn: Executive Director, 2571 Main Street, P.O. Box 159, Sayreville, NJ 08872-0159, or e-mail to: jmccabe@mcua.com.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



John G. Donnadio, Esq.

Thank you for joining NJAC last week at our 65th annual celebration of county government where our numbers were at an all-time high, and county and business leaders from across the State had the unique opportunity to share resources and ideas at several terrific events and venues. Believe it or not, we've already begun planning on how to make next year's celebration even better, so please take a moment to share with us your thoughts and suggestions that we'll review with our conference committee within the week. In the meantime, please join me in congratulating our 2015 award winners:

MAURICE FITZGIBBONS FREEHOLDER OF THE YEAR AWARD
Gerald M. Thornton, Cape May County Freeholder Director

COUNTY SERVICE AWARDS

James J. Jorgensen, Essex County Purchasing Agent
Paul McCall, Somerset County Public Works Director
Eugene Caldwell, Gloucester County Jail Warden
Sean Sheekey, Camden County Welfare Director

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR

Bruno Tirone, MRA International

As expected, the nation's only County Vocational-Technical School Cook-Off Challenge once again stole the show as culinary art students from Bergen, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, and Passaic counties competed for titles in taste, creativity, and food presentation. Check out our winners below and appetizer entries on the following page.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

Gold – Cumberland
Silver – Cape May
Bronze – Passaic

ATLANTIC CITY CHEFS' AWARDS - TASTE

Gold – Middlesex
Silver – Essex
Bronze – Bergen, Camden, Cumberland

ATLANTIC CITY CHEFS' AWARDS - PRESENTATION

Gold – Middlesex, Passaic
Silver – Mercer
Bronze – Camden, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon

NJAC JUDGES' AWARDS - TASTE

Gold – Cumberland, Mercer
Silver – Hunterdon
Bronze – Hudson, Middlesex

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR *(continued)***Bergen County Technical Schools - Paramus Campus**

Columbian crunch beef empanadas, Thai-style chicken pineapple empanadas, and Thai sweet and sour vegan empanada

Camden County Technical School - Penn Tech

Mango Tamatillo Pico de Gallo garnish with citrus butter, poached shrimp and a plantano maduros crisp

Cape May County Tech

Japanese cured salmon roll served with a delicate sweet ginger sauce, pickled ginger and wasabi

Cumberland County Technical Education Center

Burger sliders made with organic and locally sourced ingredients

Essex County Vocational Technical Schools - North 13th Street Campus

Apricot glazed grilled chicken bruschetta topped with prosciutto di pharma, Fontana cheese, micro greens and a truffle balsamic glaze served with Italian wedding soup

Hudson County Schools of Technology - County Prep HS

Smoked salmon with sautéed kale and risotto cake served with a Chile lime vinaigrette and cilantro aioli

Hunterdon County Polytech

Coffee charred Reddington Farms buffalo carpaccio with a spring vegetable salad and locally foraged ramp aioli

Mercer County Technical Schools

Confit of canvas back duck with blueberry conserve & duck cracklings served on a stout rye cracker

Middlesex County Vocational & Technical Schools - Perth Amboy Campus

Braised short rib slider with taleggio, pickled caramelized onions, arugula, roasted shiitake aioli on a pretzel bun served with homemade potato chips sprinkled with bacon and tomato powder

Morris County School of Technology









Asian chicken slaw served with a crispy wonton cup

Passaic County Technical Institute

Crispy local crab and toma cheese ball sitting on a mound of rice grits topped with tomato, smoked bacon hollandaise with Jersey asparagus and greens

Thank you again for your time and consideration, and I look forward to seeing you at our board of directors meeting on June 26th.

«MAY 2015»

MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
				15 Earth from Space Morris Museum 6 Normandy Heights Rd Morristown 6p.m. <i>Morris County</i>	16  Jackie Mason Bananas Comedy Club Hasbrouck Heights 6p.m. <i>Bergen County</i>	17  Music Under the Arbor Joe Wagner Jazz Trio Alba Vineyard 1p.m. - 4:30p.m. Milford <i>Hunterdon County</i>
18	19 International Film Festival - The Lunch- box Public Library 2 Jean Walling Civic Center East Brunswick <i>Middlesex County</i>	20 Up Close & Personal with AC Ballet Atlantic City Boardwalk Hall 5:30p.m. \$20.00 tickets <i>Atlantic County</i>	21  A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION Bob Fest- Bob Dylan's Birthday 8p.m. <i>Monmouth County</i>	22  Kite Festival Wildwoods Convention Center 12p.m. - 9p.m. <i>Cape May County</i>	23	24  200 State Route 94 Vernon 1p.m. - 8p.m. \$25.00 advance tickets <i>Sussex County</i>
 25 HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY	26 Family Movie & Craft Night at Public Library 1058 E. Landis Ave. Vineland <i>Cumberland County</i>	27 Film Festival: "Rebel Without A Cause" Manchester Library 21 Colonial Drive Manchester Twp. 6p.m. <i>Ocean County</i>	28  Twilight Tour Battleship NJ 6p.m. - 10p.m. <i>Camden County</i>	29	30  Ed Sheeran Prudential Center Newark 7:30p.m. <i>Essex County</i>	31

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MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
 Horseback Riding Lessons Lord Stirling Stable 256 South Maple Ave Bridgewater <i>Somerset County</i>	2	3 The Woogles & Wyldlife Monty Hall 43 Montgomery St. Jersey City 8:30p.m. <i>Hudson County</i>	4 Princeton Festival Figaro, A New Opera Hero Lawrence Branch Library Lawrenceville 7p.m. <i>Mercer County</i>	5 Spring Festival of Show - How to Succeed in Business w/out Really Trying Cenetary College Hackettstown 8p.m. <i>Warren County</i>	6 A Day at the Farm Historical Society Farmhouse Museum 86 Church Landing Rd. Pennsville 11a.m. - 2:30p.m. <i>Salem County</i>	7  Garwood Rocks Street Fair 10a.m. - 5p.m. <i>Union County</i>
8	9	10	11 Itsy Bitsy Time Evesham Library 984 Tuckerton Rd. Marlton 10:15a.m. <i>Burlington County</i>	12 "Next to Normal" Musical Rhino Theatre Pompton Lakes 8p.m. <i>Passaic County</i>	13 Book Festival at Front Porch Antiques 21 South Main St. Mullica Hill <i>Gloucester County</i>	14  FLAG DAY