

Essex County Correctional Facility Social Services Department

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Meet The Team!

Ms. White, MSW
Ms. Coleman, MSW
Ms. Martinez
Ms. Gray, BCJ
Ms. Brison, BSW
Ms. Ware, MSHS
Ms. Berry, LSW
Mr. Chavez, MA

The team's work:

ECCF Social Services staff work as advocates for all and assists the entire population with various barriers they may face during their incarceration. Below are some examples of the services we provide:

Social Services Responsibilities:

- Notarize documents, property releases, power of attorney form, 5-A forms, and authorization forms.
- Provide envelopes, writing supplies, and certified mail slips for indigent inmates.
- Look up charges, bails, assigned public defenders and private counsel.
- Discharge Planning (upon request): linking and referring inmates with resources and services prior to release if needed (i.e. shelters, drug treatment programs, food pantry, vocational services, financial services).
- Assist inmates with obtaining their birth certificate, Social Security card and Essex County identification card.
- Facilitate psychosocial groups/classes.
- Provide reading materials to inmates.

*Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.
~Helen Keller*



Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.,

Essex County Executive

Essex County Board of Commissioners

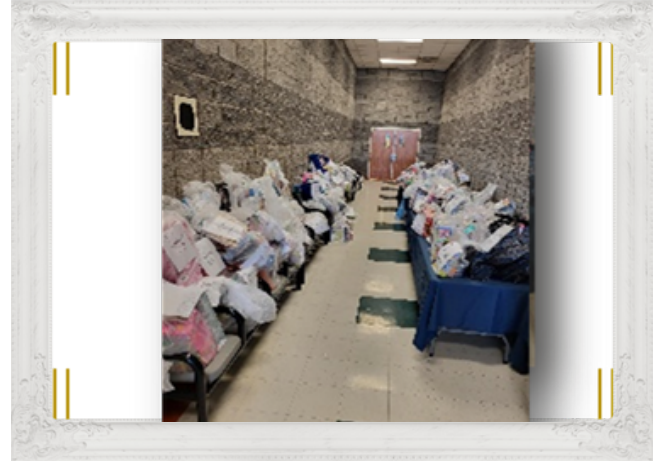
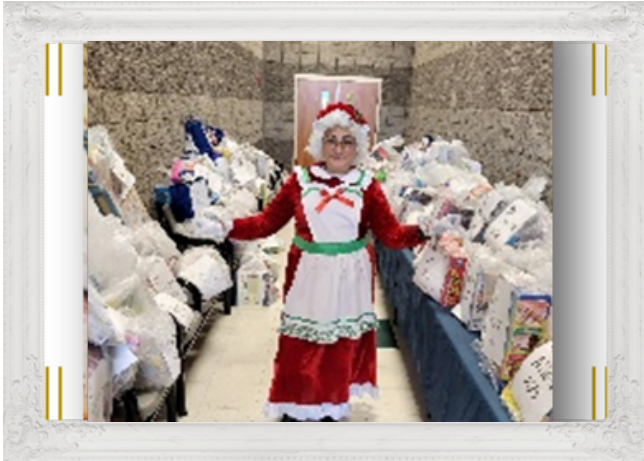
Ronald L. Charles, Director

Essex County Department of Corrections

Regina Marrow, Deputy Director

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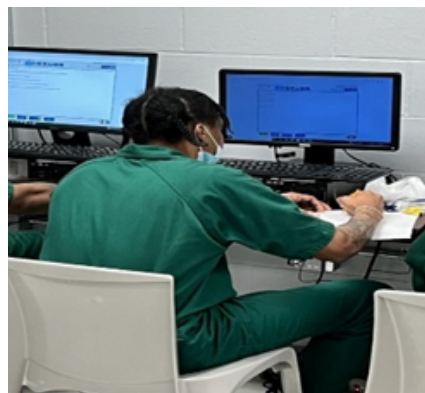
PUTTING ESSEX COUNTY FIRST



Wrapping Up 2022 With The Spirit of Christmas

In December 2022, Social Services hosted its annual Christmas Toy Drive for the children of ECCF residents. Due to the generosity of Essex County residents and the members of Grace Episcopal Church in Nutley, NJ, PATCH program, brand new toys and gift cards were donated for children of all ages (newborn to 18 years old). Approximately 202 residents completed registration forms for their children to receive toys.

Moving Full Steam in 2023

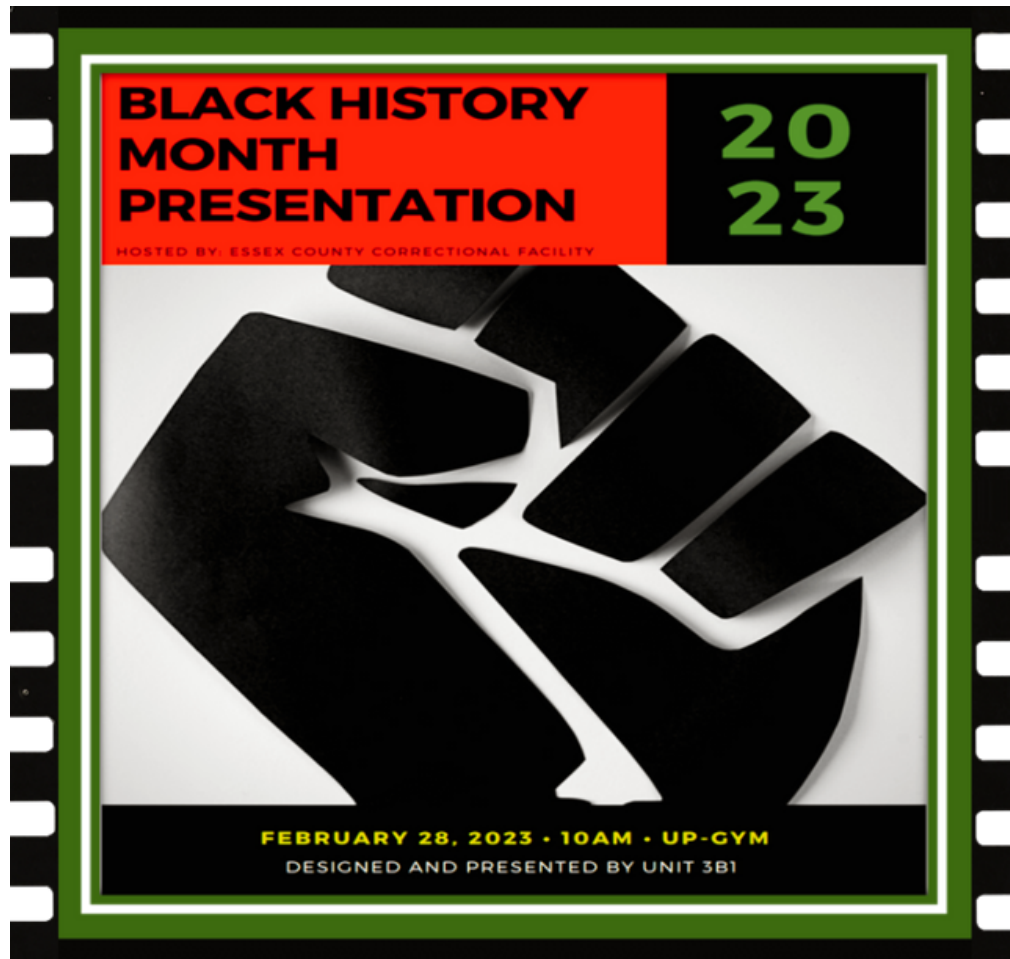


Adult Basic Education-ABE/GED is one of the 21 groups currently offered by Social Services. Social Services started the new year by conducting TABE testing for the participants currently enrolled in ABE/GED program.

**Putting
Education
First!!**

Celebrating Black History Month

This is a glimpse into our Black History Presentation presented by the residents of 3B1 called *"The Past, Present, and Future of Black Wealth."* They presented the Black Wall Street Play called *"The Power of Jamal's Dollar."* It was written and directed by a participant and supported by a cast of his peers. The keynote speakers were Ms. M. Brown & Mr. G. Smith.



Did you know? Black History Facts

- 2/01/1865 - The 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which abolished slavery, was adopted by the 38th Congress.
- 2/03/1920 - The Negro Baseball League was founded.
- 2/04/1913 - Rosa Parks was born.
- 2/06/1867 - Robert Tanner Jackson becomes the 1st African American to receive a degree in dentistry.
- 2/08/1986 - Oprah Winfrey becomes the 1st African American woman to host a nationally syndicated talk show.
- 2/10/1964 - The U.S. House of Representatives vote to pass the Civil Rights of 1964 by a vote of 290-130.
- 2/11/1990 - Nelson Mandela is released from a South African prison after being detained for 27 years as a political prisoner.
- 2/12/1909 - The National Association for the Advancement of Color People (NAACP) was founded.
- 2/16/1926 - Carter G. Woodson started the Negro History Week which later became known as Black History Month.
- 2/22/1979 - Frank E. Peterson Jr. was named the 1st black general in the Marine Corps.
- 2/24/1864 - Rebecca Lee became the 1st black woman to receive an M.D. Degree.
- 2/26/1869 - The 15th Amendment guaranteeing the right to vote was sent to the states for ratification.
- 2/28/1859 - Arkansas' legislature required free blacks to choose between exile and enslavement.
- 2/28/1870 - Hiram R. Revels of Mississippi was sworn in as the first black U.S. Senator and first black representative.
- 2/28/1932 - Richard Spikes invented/patented the automatic gear shift.



Women's History Facts

Every Women's History Month has a theme. The theme for March 2023 is "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories."

- In 1756, Lydia Taft became the first legal woman voter in colonial America.
- In July 1848, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott organized the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, NY.
- Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton founded the National Woman Suffrage Association in 1869.
- The first Women's History Day took place in 1909.
- International Women's Day became a holiday in 1911.
- The first major march on Washington by suffragists happened on March 3, 1913.
- Colorado became the last state to allow women to vote in 1919.
- Women's History Day became Women's History Week in 1978.
- Women's History Month began in 1987.

"There is no limit to what we can accomplish" - Michelle Obama

~Stay tuned for our next quarterly issue in May 2023~