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NCADD-NJ launches New Jersey Addiction Treatment Locator

TRENTON ... (August 14, 2003) – New Jersey addiction counselors as well as residents in the state with an alcohol or drug problem now have an online resource allowing them to find treatment providers offering care that is both convenient and appropriate. The New Jersey Addiction Treatment Locator, recently launched by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence- New Jersey and accessible at the agency's website, www.ncaddnj.org, offers more than 300 New Jersey provider options.

Searches on the Treatment Locator can be done by county or by zip code and can create a list of providers within a specified distance. The system's advanced search feature enables one to identify the type of service (detoxification, halfway house, methadone); type of care (hospital, inpatient or outpatient); programs/groups (age, sex, dual-diagnosed, among others); language services and if handicapped access is required.

The Treatment Locator facilitates consumer-driven treatment, which is an essential component of President George W. Bush's proposed Access to Treatment initiative. The president introduced the \$600 million treatment program in this year's State of the Union and emphasized consumer choice as being critical to its success.

NCADD-NJ has dedicated itself for more than 20 years to educating New Jersey's citizens about alcohol and drug use issues, to advocating on state policies concerning individuals addicted to alcohol or other drugs, and to reducing the stigma that frustrates a public health approach to the disease of addiction.

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