



ACCESS - Behavioral health services for people who are Deaf or hard of hearing. Services are provided by licensed social workers who are fluent in ASL and have experience in working with the diagnostic and treatment challenges present in this population.

Outpatient Office Locations:

St. Joseph's University Medical Center – OP Behavioral Health Services
621 Main St.
Paterson, NJ 07503
973-754-5595 (V)
973-968-6554 (VP)
Primary location – open Monday through Friday

Other ACCESS services offered in Paterson:

Partial Hospitalization
Residential Services
Psychiatric Emergency Services – call 973-345-7357 (*answering service will contact on-call clinician*)
Consultations

Satellite Office Locations:

Riverview Medical Center – Monmouth County
661 Shrewsbury Ave
Shrewsbury, NJ 07702
Mondays

Catholic Charities – Middlesex County
288 Rues Lane
East Brunswick, NJ 08816
Thursdays

St. Clare's Behavioral Health Center – Morris County
1 Medical Drive
Parsippany, NJ 07054
Fridays

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Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton – Mercer County
1225-1255 Whitehorse-Mercerville Road
Building B, Suite 504
Hamilton, NJ 08619
Thursdays

Contact the Paterson office to make a referral or to schedule an appointment.

ACCESS Behavioral Health Services of St. Joseph's University Medical Center in Paterson provides services to individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing and their families. Licensed by the NJ Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services, we are the only community service provider in New Jersey offering outpatient therapy services to this population. Services are provided directly by licensed social workers who have expertise in working with Deaf and hard of hearing individuals, including: fluency in American Sign Language; knowledge about the challenges in diagnosis and treatment of Deaf individuals; sensitivity to Deaf Culture; and issues related to hearing loss.

Who is eligible for ACCESS Outpatient services?

- Individuals who experience psychiatric symptoms such as sadness, crying, increased/decreased sleep, anxiety, odd or bizarre behaviors, reduced cognitive functioning, feelings of helplessness or feeling hopeless about the future are encouraged to call and make an appointment for an evaluation.
- Individuals who are experiencing adjustments to certain life situations such as divorce, illness, grief, parent/child relationships, school problems, work issues, communication issues at home, may be candidates for our services.
- Adjustment to diagnosis of hearing loss, from infants to adults. A new diagnosis of hearing loss can impact the individual and also the entire family. ACCESS staff can help on various levels --- provide emotional support, with the goal of developing wellness-based adaptive skills; resources; collaboration with other providers.
- Individuals who have substance abuse issues may be treated through ACCESS, however those who have substance abuse as their primary diagnosis will be referred to a more appropriate service provider.
- Individuals/families that are identified through DCP&P for evaluation and therapy.
- Youths/families identified through their county's care management organization (CMO)

The ACCESS continuum of care includes:

- **Outpatient Clinical Support Services** - initial assessment and development of treatment goals with a licensed social worker; psychiatric evaluations; psychotropic medication evaluation and monitoring; collaboration with other providers; information and referral
- **Psychiatric Emergency Services** - assist psychiatric emergency service providers to assess culturally Deaf individuals for the presence of significant psychiatric symptoms that may require hospitalization.
- **Residential Services & Community Support Services** - for deaf individuals with a psychiatric diagnosis who meet the criteria for one of the appropriate levels of care offered.
- **Partial Hospitalization** - structured day programming for deaf individuals meeting the criteria for this level of care.

Payment:

- Most commercial insurance is accepted, including Medicare and Medicaid. Some individuals may qualify for charity care.

To make a referral call 973-754-5595 OR Videophone: 973-968-6554