

AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

Supporting Every Individual, Empowering Every Family

April is Autism Acceptance Month, a time to recognize, celebrate, and support individuals with autism while deepening our collective commitment to inclusion, understanding, and access to care. At Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services, this work is not limited to one month. It is embedded in everything we do.

Bridgeway proudly provides compassionate, person-centered care for children, teens, and adults with autism, as well as individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) who need mental health or co-occurring services. From early intervention through adulthood, our approach ensures that every individual receives the support they need to achieve their goals and reach their fullest potential.

A Whole-Person, Whole-Family Approach

We recognize that individuals are part of a larger family system. That is why our services extend beyond the individual to include family therapy, education, and connections to vital community resources. This wraparound model strengthens not only the individual, but the entire support network around them helping families thrive together.

Integrated Services, Close to Home

Bridgeway connects individuals to evidence-based behavioral healthcare that is coordinated, accessible, and delivered within their communities. Across Hudson, Union, and Sussex counties, services include:

- Mental Health Urgent Care for rapid access to crisis stabilization and support
- Outpatient mental health care for individuals ages 6+
- Substance use disorder treatment for adolescents and adults
- Partial Care (day rehabilitation) programs focused on skill-building and recovery

This integrated approach ensures seamless access to care—from first call to ongoing treatment—through our centralized Access Line and coordinated service delivery model.

Part of Something Bigger

As part of the Woods System of Care, Bridgeway is connected to a broader network dedicated to meeting lifelong needs across behavioral health, autism services, IDD supports, and complex care. This partnership strengthens our ability to provide comprehensive, high-quality services across New Jersey and beyond.

Moving from Awareness to Acceptance

Autism Acceptance Month challenges us to go beyond awareness and take meaningful action, creating inclusive environments, reducing stigma, and ensuring equitable access to care and opportunity. At Bridgeway, we see firsthand the importance of meeting individuals where they are, honoring their strengths, and supporting their journeys on their terms.

“Autism Acceptance Month reminds us that true inclusion means more than awareness. It requires action, compassion, and access,” said Cory Storch, President and CEO of Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services. “At Bridgeway, we are committed to ensuring that every individual and family we serve receives coordinated, person-centered care that empowers them to live full and meaningful lives.”

How to Connect

If you or a loved one is seeking support, Bridgeway is here to help.

Call our Access Line at **877-692-5664** or visit www.BridgewayBHS.org to learn more about services available in your community.

Together, we move beyond awareness—toward acceptance, inclusion, and opportunity for all.