## Monmouth County Screening



Monmouth Medical Center 300 Second Avenue Long Branch, NJ 07740

#### SCREENING

#### **GOAL**:

 Help participants understand the NJ Screening Law, adult and children services, and working more effectively with screeners and child clinicians

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

- Know the major elements of the screening law
- Learn about the services available
- Understand what our staff can and cannot do
- Lets work together ...

#### **Screening Centers**

N.J.S.A.Title 30:4-27 NJ SCREENING LAW

- In 1987 the Screening Law was enacted.
- Mandated Screening Centers for every county
- Monmouth Medical Center was designated as the Screening Center for Monmouth County
- Provides a system of acute assessment, crisis intervention, screening outreach, and screening for involuntary hospitalization
  - Goal is to protect the rights of patients and promote "least restrictive environment."

#### Affiliations

- Monmouth County Screening Center is affiliated with all hospital facilities in Monmouth County, including:
  - Jersey Shore University Medical Center
  - Riverview Medical Center
  - CentraState Medical Center
  - Bayshore Community Hospital
- Emergency Services, Inpatient Units, Short Term Care Facilities, CCIS Inpatient Unit
- Monmouth County Correctional Facility
- Other Community Agencies

#### Who is in the screening team?



### Who is in the screening team?

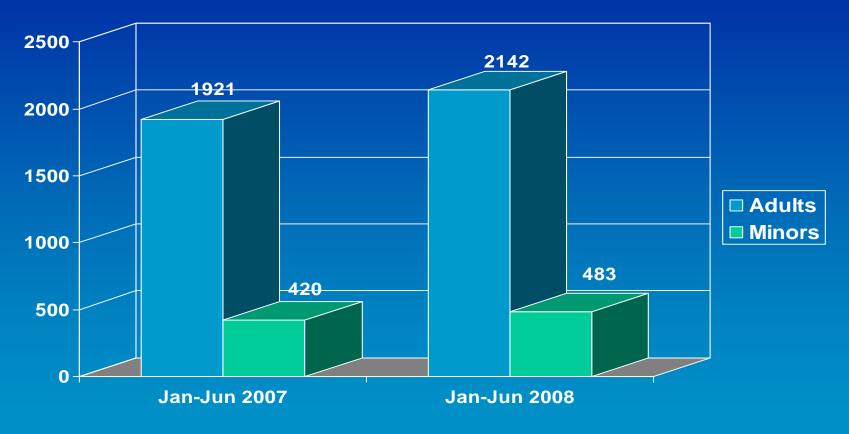
Screening staff are professionals who have completed a State training and passed a proficiency exam to be 'certified screeners'

- Certified Screeners are made up of:
- Nurses
- Social Workers
- Psychologist

Also working for the Screening Center are:

- Child & Family Crisis Clinicians
- Acute Care Family Support Specialists
- Co-occurring Disorder Specialist
- Screening Psychiatrists

#### **Statistical Data**



- Adults volume increased by 10.3% over 2007
- Minors volume increased by 13% over 2007

Services of Monmouth County Screening Center

- 24 hour per day, 7 day per week availability
- On-Site crisis assessment and stabilization services
- 24 hour hotline
- 24 hour telephone consultation

#### Continuation .....Services

- Operation of 24 hour Extended Crisis
   Evaluation Service (holding) bed
- Medication administration & monitoring
- Mobile Screening to Affiliated Emergency Services, Inpatient Units, and Monmouth County Jail

#### Continuation .....Services

- Community Outreach: adult & minors
   Face to Face Follow-up visits: adult & minors
- Medication Monitoring X 7 days
- Psycho-education and supportive services
  Acute Care Family Support

#### Continuation .....Services

 Coordination of the County's Disaster/ Critical Incident Response Team
 Coordination of the SRC (System Review Committee)

"Screening did not do anything!" "I cannot believe they did not keep the patient!" "They did not listen to me.!"

#### Screening Assessment

Patient Observation Patient Mental Status Collateral Contact Available Current Reports



Available Clinical Information (history)

#### Screener's Job

 Screening and Screening Outreach Program, New Jersey Statutes Annotated (NJSA) Title 30.4-27.1 'Screening Law'; 10:31-1.2 PURPOSE
 <u>To provide clinical assessment and crisis</u> <u>stabilization so as to disposition patient to the</u>

least restrictive clinically appropriate setting.

#### Disposition

... 'To the least restrictive setting' return back to the community with appropriate referrals for outpatient follow-up (least restrictive) voluntary hospitalization involuntary hospitalization (most restrictive)

# The Screening Law

#### 30:4-27 NJ Involuntary Hospitalization



### NJ SCREENING LAW criteria

A person that is mentally ill, that the mental illness causes the person to be dangerous to self or dangerous to others or property where s/he is unwilling to be admitted to a facility voluntary for care.

#### **Involuntary Commitment Process**

- A person is first brought to a screening service to be assessed to determine what mental health services are appropriate.
- The individual is examined by a mental health screener who determines if the patient meets the legal criteria for involuntary commitment.
- If so, the screener provides a screening document.

#### **Involuntary Commitment Process**

- The individual is then examined by a psychiatrist who determines whether or not the individual meets clinical requirements for commitment.
- If so, the psychiatrist completes the screening certificate.
- Both screener and psychiatrist must agree.

# Patient's Rights

#### **Patient Rights**

State of New Jersey Patient's Rights

To refuse medication and treatment after possible consequences of this decision have been explained clearly to you, unless the situation is life threatening or the procedure is required by law.









## Screening Children Outreach

Child & Family Crisis Clinician

Outreach throughout geographic area of Monmouth County

assess patient in the community setting to determine most appropriate clinical disposition or need for hospitalization

## Screening Request BASICS Information needed before calling screening.

- **1. All patient information** 
  - Demographics
  - Medications and History
  - CURRENT LOCATION

#### 2. What makes today different?

Why does the patient need to be seen today instead of tomorrow or yesterday?

## Screening Request BASICS 3. What is different today from the patient's norm?

- 4. What are the <u>objective</u> findings of CURRENT DANGEROUSNESS?
  - Facts not Feelings
    Facts not Rumor



#### 4. Continued...

### Does the dangerousness require immediate police intervention?

5. What does the patient's current treatment team recommend?

#### How to reach us?

Call (732) 923-6999