



JAWONIO PROmiSe

NYAPRS PROS
Academy

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THE JAWONIO DNA

- Created in 1947 by families with “special needs” children
- Expanded as an affiliate of Cerebral Palsy Association of NY to provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities
- Currently provides lifespan services for more than 5,000 children and adults annually funded by multiple State “O’s”
- Recovery model introduced with IPRT Program in 1994
- PROS program begins with conversion of IPRT and Vocational Services participants in 2011



MERGING THE MISSIONS

- Residential and Day Program Services promote **Person-Centered Care** through the age span to individuals with developmental disabilities
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- IPRT becomes the foundation of the PROS **Person-Centered Recovery** model
- The physical proximity of the two populations encourages the development of an integrative approach



CHALLENGES

- OMH Regulatory and Funding Limitations
- OPWDD Funding Structure
- Physical Limitations of Some Dually Diagnosed Participants
- “Do I want to be in a program with those people?”

HOW WE'RE EVOLVING

- Continued discussions with our staff who may be working with candidates or active participants in PROMiSe
- Cooperative relationship with other OPWDD funded agencies
- Integrating services with BOCES and other school based programs
- Incorporation of classes to address concerns of people on the spectrum (e.g., Dealing with social challenges)
- Open discussion with participants about the challenges of autism
- The Tranquility Room



TRANQUILITY ROOM



THANK YOU!

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