

A BI-WEEKLY LOOK AT THE BUSINESS & POLITICS OF HEALTH CARE IN NEW JERSEY



PRESIDENT & CEO, LINDA SCHWIMMER Momentum to Help New Moms and Babies Must Continue

New laws and initiatives have advanced to improve maternal-child health, and to address troubling racial inequities. But we are by no means at the end of our work — we're closer to the beginning. We now have new opportunities and challenges to see policy changes through to create real change in the lives of mothers and babies. **I'm calling on our Quality Institute members to help advance the promise of these new initiatives.**

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LEGACY TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

This week's newsletter includes our third Legacy Take Five interview. Throughout the year, we'll interview some of our longstanding members who will share how their partnership with the Quality Institute helps them advance the mission we all share: improving the safety, quality, and affordability of health care for everyone.

Jon Dolan is President and CEO of the <u>Health Care Association of New Jersey</u> (HCANJ), which advocates for skilled nursing, assisted living, residential health, and adult day health service members. They have been a member of the Quality Institute since 2004.

Interview Sneak Peak: How do you help your members achieve and measure quality?

For HCANJ and our national organization, the American Health Care Association (AHCA), quality is the priority. The focus comes through the leadership of our Director of Quality & Clinical Services, who advises, guides, trains, and leads our members to quality success. Loretta Kaes, RN B-C, C-AL, LNHA, CALA, is that leader for us and she is a dynamo. She advises our members about clinical operations and facility-based quality programs. Over the past few years, our team also promoted quality programs recently adopted by the state. The latest is a performance incentive based on five common metrics we promoted to the administration and the state Department of Human Services. Now, fully passed...

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Four out of ten children in New Jersey experience at least one adverse childhood experience (ACE) that can have a lasting effect on health. The new report titled, *Adverse Childhood Experiences: Opportunities to Prevent, Protect Against, and Heal from the Effects of ACEs in New Jersey**, details those challenges in New Jersey

and calls for a coordinated statewide response to mitigate ACEs' lasting effects on children's health and well-being. Major opportunities for healing action in the state are highlighted, which serves as the important starting point for statewide discussion about addressing ACEs and trauma-informed care.

As **40% of the state's Medicaid beneficiaries are children living near poverty** — a significant adverse childhood experience — this issue is particularly crucial to the Medicaid Policy Center. As such, we encourage you to learn more about ACEs, their impact in New Jersey, and action areas moving forward to support children at risk.

Read ACEs Report Now

*The ACE's Report is sponsored by the New Jersey Funders ACEs Collaborative — comprised of **The Burke Foundation**, **Turrell Fund**, and **The Nicholson Foundation**. The MPC thanks these foundations for their critical and eye-opening report.

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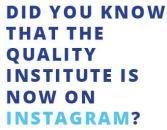
Quality Institute Open House

September 12, 2019 5:30pm - 8:00pm

Join New Jersey's key stakeholders, leaders, and decision makers for an evening of networking and refreshments with the Quality Institute's membership and staff.

Directions to our office can be found **here**. *Members and invited guests only*.

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