

## **Straight & Narrow Inc, OUR HISTORY**

Founded in 1954 as a treatment program for male alcoholics, Straight & Narrow has evolved into a premier, pace-setting, comprehensive social service, health care, and community development agency. Fifty-six years of service to the community makes us the oldest community-based residential treatment facility for those who are addicted to drugs and alcohol in the United States of America. Headquartered in Paterson, NJ, Straight & Narrow is also the largest state-funded facility of its kind.

Below is a look back at our history.

- 1954 Msgr. William Wall establishes Mount Carmel Guild, providing detoxification and residential treatment for indigent male alcoholics. Mount Carmel Guild evolved into the Mount Carmel Hospital and Guild House for men.
- 1964 Dismas House for men is opened to add residential drug treatment to meet emerging needs
- 1971 Msgr. Wall Social Service Center in Hackensack is opened to provide Methadone treatment
- 1976 Alpha House, residential treatment for addicted women, is opened
- 1977 McNulty Halfway House for men is opened
- 1978 St. Nicholas Halfway House for women is opened
- 1982 Straight & Narrow begins treating those with HIV/ AIDS
- 1985 The Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC) in Passaic City is opened
- 1986 The Adult Medical Day Care Center, a day program for those suffering with HIV/ AIDS, is opened
- 1988 The Juvenile Unit is established to provide residential treatment for adolescent males aged 12 to 17
- 1995 Alpha II in Secaucus is opened to provide treatment for pregnant and post-partum women and their children under the age of three
- 1996 La Vida Child Care Center for infants, toddlers and pre-school children is opened

- 1998 Alpha III, residential treatment for DYFS/Work First clients and their children under the age of three, is opened
- 1999 Straight & Narrow Apartments, 23 one-bedroom units for persons with AIDS, is opened
- 1999 La Vida Child Care Center Too for Abbott 3 and 4 year-old children is opened
- 2001 Straight & Narrow is awarded funding as the Lead Agency for the Family and Children Early Education Services (FACES) Program
- 2003 Straight & Narrow Apartments II, 50 studio apartments for persons with AIDS, is opened
- 2004 Straight & Narrow receives Catholic Charities Caritas Advocacy Award in recognition of 50 distinguished years of progressive and responsive quality service to the community
- 2004 Straight & Narrow receives accreditation for the Monsignor Wall Center from the Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)
- 2005 David Mactas appointed Executive Director of S&N commencing September 6.
- 2007 Monsignor Wall Center is re-accredited by CARF for three more years
- 2008 The FACES Program becomes the Family Success Center which begins operations in 396 Straight Street
- 2008 Straight & Narrow is awarded the Bergen County Intoxicated Driver Resource Center
- 2009 The Family Success Center moves into a newly-renovated space at 101 Cedar Street
- 2010 Monsignor Wall Center is re-accredited by CARF for three more years
- 2011 LaVida Child care Center awarded accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).
- 2011 Renovations completed on the Guild (detox) unit allowing for increased licensed capacity.

- 2012 Renovations completed providing much needed office space at 410 Straight Street location.
- 2012 Family Success center received additional funding from the State allowing it to expand service.
- 2013 Monsignor Wall Center re-accredited by CARF for three more years.
- 2013 David Mactas retires as Executive Director of S&N on June 28.
- 2013 Joseph F. Duffy appointed executive Director of S&N commencing July 1, 2013.
- 2016 O'Connor Hall Halfway House for men dedicated on March 31, 2016.
- 2016 Joseph F. Duffy retired as Executive Director of S&N 6/30/2016.
- 2016 Dr. Sam Pirozzi appointed Executive Director of S&N effective 7/1/2016.