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## Senator Lanza Announces Opening of Recovery Center on Staten Island

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### Next Step Center Will Expand Free Addiction Recovery Support Programs & Services in Richmond County

Senator Andrew Lanza today announced the grand opening of the Next Step Resource and Recovery Center in Staten Island. The center, which is operated by Community Health Action of Staten Island, will provide 24/7 access to services and information for people in recovery from a substance use disorder and their families. The center is funded by a \$1.75 million grant from the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services which Lanza helped to secure.

The Next Step Resource and Recovery Center will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to give Staten Islanders easy access to information and rapid connection to services. It will provide people a range of free recovery support services, such as peer coaching, skill building, recreation, wellness education, employment readiness and social activities, in a safe, welcoming, and substance-free environment. In addition to the OASAS-funded program, the site is home to a pre-arraignment diversion initiative for individuals arrested for low-level drug possession; a peer-delivered, emergency department intervention for people who have

experienced a non-fatal opioid overdose; and drug user health hub services.

Next Step Resource and Recovery Center is located at 26 Bay Street in the St. George neighborhood on Staten Island. The center is easily accessible by ferry terminal, multiple bus routes and the Staten Island Rapid Transit.

Senator Andrew Lanza said, "It is vitally important that we address the substance addiction crisis at every level. Treatment is a critical piece of the equation and providers like Community Health Action of Staten Island are an important part of the solution."

Diane Arneth, CHASI's Executive Director said, "We are committed to working with our partners at OASAS to expand accessibility to the comprehensive continuum of substance use disorder services for individuals and families. Through 24-hour walk-in access to information, crisis intervention, professional and peer counseling, referrals, and robust programming to support people in recovery, we are here to help people when they are ready to take that next step."

Senator Diane Savino said, "Today, Governor Cuomo and our community partners re-affirm our commitment to help those on the road to recovery from substance abuse. This facility, offering a plethora of services, will be another cornerstone in the foundation Staten Island is building in our battle against substance abuse. I am confident that CHASI will continue to be a leader in the City for servicing those in need."

Assemblyman Michael Cusick said, "As with all efforts made by public officials and organizations to provide support for victims and families of substance abuse, I welcome any facility that comes to Staten Island to aid in recovery. The importance of having a specialized care available 24/7 will come as a relief for families that need service available at all hours."

Assemblyman Matthew Titone said, "Community Health Action has an excellent record of providing services and working with the community. This center is a much needed resource in our efforts to combat the substance abuse epidemic that is ravaging our island."

New Yorkers struggling with an addiction, or whose loved ones are struggling, can find help and hope by calling the state's toll-free, 24-hour, 7-day-a-week HOPEline at 1-877-8-HOPENY (1-877-846-7369) or by texting HOPENY (Short Code 467369).

Available addiction treatment including crisis/detox, inpatient, community residence, or outpatient care can be found using the new and improved NYS OASAS Treatment Availability Dashboard at [FindAddictionTreatment.ny.gov](https://www.oasas.ny.gov/FindAddictionTreatment) or through the [Access Treatment](#) page on the [NYS OASAS website](#). Visit the #CombatAddiction website at [oasas.ny.gov/CombatAddiction](https://www.oasas.ny.gov/CombatAddiction) to learn more about how you can help to #CombatAddiction in your community.