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Commissioner Monroe B. Hudson, Jr.

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Probation and Parole, local service providers team up to hold Community Resource Event in New Castle on September 9

New Castle, DE – On Thursday, September 9 the Delaware Department of Correction/Probation and Parole is sponsoring a Community Resource Event in New Castle for all members of the community. This free event from 2 to 6 p.m. at the New Castle County Route 9 Library features food distribution, Nalaxone handouts and training, face mask and PPE handouts and clothing supplies, along with addiction assistance from the New Castle County Police *Hero Help* program, referrals to social services, reentry assistance and more from a variety of community service providers. The New Castle County Route 9 Library is located at 3022 New Castle Avenue, New Castle, 19720.

The Community Resource Event is being organized by Probation Officers from Delaware’s largest Probation and Parole Office, located nearby on Cherry Lane. These Officers recognized the significant need for services among Delaware’s probationer population and their families and among residents along the Route 9 corridor. Officers engaged with community partners to participate and connect attendees with a wide variety of essential services in one location, from basic necessities and lifesaving Naloxone and addiction assistance to help accessing healthcare, employment services, housing options, and education and vocational training.

“Every day our Officers, counselors, and staff come into contact with members of our community who are struggling. That’s why we have teamed up with non-profit and government service providers to organize a Community Resource Event on September 9, “**Commissioner Monroe B. Hudson Jr. said.** “Please join us and get connected to the many resources available to you. Together we are committed to meeting the needs of our neighbors and saving the lives of those who struggle with addiction.”

Community Resource Event participant highlights:

- The **Food Bank of Delaware Mobile Pantry** will distribute food packages starting at 2 p.m. until supplies run out. **Please register in advance to reserve your Mobile Pantry food package at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-resource-event-at-route-9-library-tickets-169301889509?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>.**

- The **Department of Correction Community Naloxone Distribution Program** will provide 2 doses of Naloxone to attendees and conduct short 5-minute training sessions.
- The **New Castle County Police *Hero Help*** program will provide on-site help for those seeking treatment to overcome their addiction.
- The **Department of Health and Social Services Mobile Bridge Clinic** offers community members social support, including phone charging, counseling referrals, toiletries, and an opportunity to connect with a peer specialist to receive referrals for a variety of health care, housing, and employment services.
- The **Delaware Center for Justice** provides crucial services including housing assistance, job search assistance, mental health and substance abuse referrals, educational and vocational placement, life skills, and social support.
- The **Probation and Parole Clothing Closet** will be set up on-site to provide a large variety of donated casual and work clothing.
- **Brandywine Counseling and Community Services** staff will provide information on-site about support services that connect community members to treatment, counseling, education, and youth and women's services.

The Department of Correction extends a special thank you to New Castle County Libraries and to each participating government and community partner.

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