MBERSH PROVIDERS' MONDAY: Bridgewell

Highlighting Bridgewell's Impact on the Community

At the Providers' Council, we are proud to highlight the incredible work of our members who are making a difference in the human services sector. This week, for Membership Monday, we are featuring Bridgewell, a longtime member organization serving communities across Eastern Massachusetts. Bridgewell provides a wide range of services – including behavioral health care, disability supports, recovery programs, and housing - to individuals facing complex life challenges. Through its compassionate, person-centered approach, Bridgewell is helping people live more independent, stable, and fulfilling lives.

Who is Bridgewell and What Do They Do?

Bridgewell is a mission-driven nonprofit committed to supporting individuals as they navigate some of life's most complex challenges. Rooted in compassion, dignity, and respect, Bridgewell fosters a community where every person is valued and empowered to pursue a life of stability, connection, and purpose. With deep ties to the communities it serves across Eastern Massachusetts, the organization offers personalized care and creates pathways to greater independence and fulfillment - guided by the belief that everyone deserves access to opportunity, support, and hope.

Bridgewell's core services include:

- Behavioral Health Services: Outpatient counseling, psychiatric care, medication management, and support for individuals with persistent mental illness, developmental disabilities, or dual diagnoses.
- Disability Services: Day programs, autism supports, employment training, and community housing for individuals with intellectual, mental, or physical disabilities - including both 24/7 staffed residences and independent living options.
- **Recovery Services: Substance use treatment, recovery** coaching, case management, and sober housing. This includes the Johnson Street Program, a six-month residential recovery program for women, including those who are pregnant or postpartum.
- Community Housing: Safe, supportive housing for individuals with complex needs - including those with autism, significant behavioral or medical challenges, or at risk of homelessness.
- Advocacy & Inclusion: Self-advocacy groups, Special Olympics involvement, and a Human Rights Committee focused on promoting dignity, respect, and accountability across programs.



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When Did Bridgewell Join The Providers' **Council and Why?**

Bridgewell has been a valued member of the Providers' Council for many years. As a mission-driven organization dedicated to empowering individuals with disabilities, mental health challenges, substance use disorders, and housing instability, Bridgewell's work closely aligns with the Council's commitment to strengthening the human services sector and promoting equity, inclusion, and community well-being.

Bridgewell's excellence has also been recognized through the Council's Awards of Excellence. In 2024, Robert Neal was honored as Volunteer of the Year, and in 2018, Molli Marshall received the Gerry Wright Direct Service Employee of the Year award - a reflection of the organization's impact and the dedication of its staff and volunteers.

As part of the Council's statewide network, Bridgewell continues to champion values of compassion, person-centered care, and collaboration - helping to build a stronger, more inclusive human services sector across the Commonwealth.



A Voice from the Bridgewell's Team

Bridgewell is proud to be a member of the Providers' Council, working in partnership with its network of member organizations to advocate for those we have the privilege of serving across the Commonwealth. Especially in these challenging times of uncertainty, we are thankful for the Providers' Council's support and leadership in elevating the needs and voices of some of our most vulnerable populations, and the organizations that help provide critical services to them. We are grateful to the Providers' Council for the learning opportunities and resources it provides as we strive to inspire hope and empower people to overcome challenges and live safer, more self-directed and enriching lives.

- Christopher Tuttle, President and CEO, Bridgewell

Looking Ahead: Bridgewell's Continued Commitment to Support and Innovation

Bridgewell continued focus on innovation, inclusion, and person-centered care, the organization is exploring new ways to expand access, strengthen supports, and empower those they serve. Bridgewell continues to evolve to meet the growing and changing needs of the communities it serves. This fall, the organization is launching a new fundraising event – Bowling for Bridgewell: Pins for Possibilities – to support its mission and vital services. The event will take place on Thursday, October 23 from 6–9 p.m. at Gametime Lanes and Entertainment in Peabody, and will feature bowling, axe throwing, and light fare. Part of Bridgewell's Celebration of Community activities, this event offers a fun and meaningful way to support programs that make a real difference across Eastern Massachusetts.

To learn more or get involved, visit <u>Bridgewell</u> or call 339-883-2163.

Want to learn more about Bridgewell and the Providers' Council? Visit our websites to explore our work, services, and upcoming initiatives!

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