

The Fiscal Case

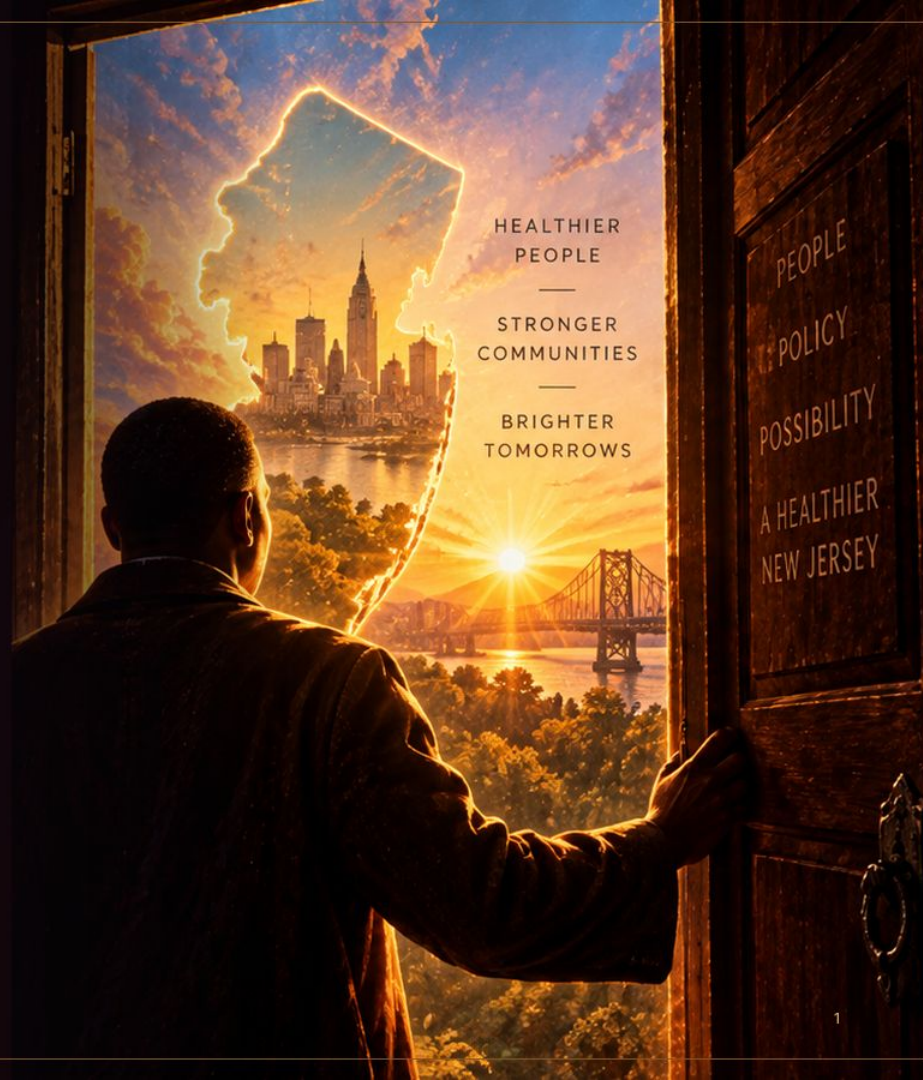
Ask New Jersey to Look

ONE USE CASE AMONG MANY

A public case for examining what New Jersey already spends — and what else that scale of money could build.

MENTAL HEALTH REFORMATION

A Civil Rights Movement for the Soul



What Is CEPP?

CONDITIONAL EXTENSION PENDING PLACEMENT

In plain language: a person is otherwise entitled to discharge from a New Jersey state psychiatric hospital, but cannot leave because an appropriate placement is not available.

CLEARED TO LEAVE.

STILL WAITING FOR SOMEWHERE APPROPRIATE TO GO.

The placement problem becomes a hospital stay.

Source: NJ CEPP rule / court framing.



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The Scale

202 people

Last disclosed CEPP count located for this project

496 days

Average time in CEPP status · about 16 months

226 days median

The emotional fact is time.

Source: NJ DHS FY2025 budget response.



The Cost of Waiting

\$73M–\$101M

PER YEAR

for approximately 200 people

\$493K–\$676K

per person over an average 496-day CEPP period

Illustrative — yet order-of-magnitude revealing.

These are not an official State CEPP expenditure total. They apply current hospital-wide cost estimates to the last disclosed CEPP count and duration.



What Are We Really Paying For?

Not another year of healing.

Not another year of belonging.

Not another year of autonomy.

Not another year of community.

Too often:

another year of waiting
inside the wrong setting.

Hospital-level costs for a placement problem.



We're Not Asking New Jersey
to Agree With Us.

We're Asking
New Jersey to Look.

Look at the people.

Look at the numbers.

Look at what we are already spending.

Then ask: What else could we build?



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What Could \$75M–\$100M Build Instead?

300 HOMES / RESIDENCES

250 for residents

50 for staff, guests, family, trainees + collaborators

PLUS A REAL CAMPUS:

- shared kitchen + dining
- peer + clinical support
- respite + stabilization
- gardens + food production
- arts + media + makerspaces
- workforce + training
- gathering + spiritual space
- nature + community life

Enough money to build something substantial, permanent, and human.

Illustrative scenario — not yet a construction bid or feasibility study.



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Storylivingry Campus

People. Place. Possibility.

A modern campus for living, healing, making,
working, and belonging.

HOMES + LAND • CARE + COMMUNITY

WORK + CREATION • FOOD + NATURE

CULTURE + MEANING • BELONGING + AGENCY

The test: does the place itself help people want to live there?



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From Storylivingry Campus to Storylivingry City

ONE PROTOTYPE CAN BECOME A NEW DESIGN LANGUAGE.

- demonstration site
- learning environment
- place to test outcomes
- cultural prototype
- community asset
- model others can challenge, improve, copy, or surpass

Campus now. Storylivingry City later.

An homage to the ambition of The Living City — reimagined around mental health, creativity, dignity, community, and human flourishing.



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From Cost Center to Regenerative Engine

A place designed to reduce public cost can also create work, revenue, skills, culture, and durable local value.

WORKFORCE + TRAINING paid pathways in media, food, hospitality, maintenance, technology + peer roles

FILM + MEDIA locations, sets, studios, post-production, production services + training

FARM-TO-TABLE + HOSPITALITY food, cafés, restaurants, markets, guest stays, retreats + events

MAKING + ENTERPRISE studios, makerspaces, products, social enterprises + creative businesses

LEARNING + CONVENING conferences, residencies, workshops, research + public events

The goal is not merely to spend less.
It is to convert recurring cost into economic and human value.

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Look at the People. Look at the Numbers. Then Help Us Build Better.

We're not asking New Jersey to agree with us.
We're asking New Jersey to look.

At the people.

At the time.

At the money.

At what we are already building.

Then help us decide what deserves to exist next.

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