

Participation by referral only by:

*Irvington High School
Irvington Police Department
Juvenile Justice Committee
Parents and/or Guardians
Dept of Child Protection & Permanency
(DCP&P)*

Referral Process

Urinalysis Drug Screen Only

Students will go to 50 Union Avenue, Irvington, Suite 306 and present required documentation showing that they have been mandated to obtain a drug screen. Results will be faxed to the referral source the following day.

Substance Use Evaluation

This will require a scheduled appointment that can be made by calling Maria Pisani, Director of Addiction Services, The Bridge, at 973-228-3000 x316.

Services are provided by The Bridge through local Essex County grants.

The Bridge is walking distance (one-half mile) from Irvington High School.



THE BRIDGE

50 Union Avenue
Irvington, NJ

Student Outreach Program



Counseling program for at-risk Irvington teen population that may be struggling with substance use issues, legal issues and social issues.

Lead Counselor:
Kareem McKenzie, MA, LAC

The teens that are referred to our program will be able to receive a urinalysis drug screen only and/or a comprehensive substance use evaluation to determine a continued need for counseling services.

If the teen meets criteria for our program, they will be able to participate in a weekly hour and a half group counseling session with their peers. The group will provide educational, didactic and group discussion that focuses on current teen issues. In addition, the students will meet with a clinician for a weekly forty-five minute individual counseling session. Finally, they will be randomly drug screened on a weekly basis.



The evaluations, groups, individual counseling sessions will all take place after school at The Bridge office at 50 Union Avenue, Suite 303, Irvington, NJ; 1/2 mile walking distance from Irvington High School.

The adolescent's parent or legal guardian will need to be present for the 1st scheduled appointment to sign required documentation.

Groups will be held Monday through Friday from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM, while evaluations and individual counseling sessions will be held between the hours of 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM, Monday through Friday.