

Farrell Treatment Center offers variety of services

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NEW BRITAIN — Msgr. Joseph Farrell started the Farrell Treatment Center in 1972 at Saint Mary's convent as a shelter for homeless alcoholic men in 1972.

Located at 586 Main St. and with a new second location at 19 Bassett St., Farrell Treatment Center expanded services over the years and now assists men and women.

"This is a great place," said David Borzellino, who became executive director of the center six years ago after having experience in hospitals and addiction programs.

The center offers three main types of services, and intensive residential program for men only, which includes group and individual counseling; co-ed intensive outpatient, which meets three days a week for three hours in the day



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David Borzellino, executive director of the Farrell Treatment Center.

or evening; and outpatient treatment for group, individual or family therapies.

Specialized groups for women's issues, which meet weekly for women and trauma groups; anger management; relapse prevention; early intervention; psychiatric evaluation; and medication management, are also available. There are also specialized groups for early intervention; mari-

juana abuse and young adults.

"There isn't one way to recovery," said Borzellino, adding that his center is a great resource with the current opiate crisis. "There are multiple paths and we work with our clients to meet their needs."

Setting Farrell Treatment Center apart from other centers is the staff that helps and works with

all their clients. The staff are all trained in trauma therapies.

"Everyone compliments how our staff gets to know them and it doesn't feel like an institution," said Borzellino of his team of 23 full-time employees, and eight employees who are on call to assist clients at all hours of the day.

The staff is always up to date and trained on the latest practices, too, as four are licensed alcohol and drug counselors with more residential counselors working toward their certification as well.

In addition to recently opening the 19 Bassett St. location, the center is looking to get more involved with the community with halfway houses to provide quick access for clients, and Saturday appointments to accommodate clients' busy schedules.

After recently accepting major health insurance companies like Anthem, Connecticare, Optimum,



Photo courtesy of David Borzellino

The Farrell Treatment Center, located at 586 Main St., New Britain.

United Behavioral Health and HealthyCT, in addition to just Medicaid, the center is looking to add TRICARE health insurance to help veterans.

"Farrell's consumer satisfaction ratings are always near 95 percent," said Borzellino. "So patients are getting something out

of this program. I'm very proud of that number and I'm very proud of the work we do."

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