

A New Era Begins: Julie Dees Appointed CEO of CHSofNJ, Succeeding Donna Pressma

The Board of Trustees of CHSofNJ is thrilled to announce a new chapter in our history with the appointment of Julie Dees, MBA, LPC, as our new CEO, effective January 6, 2025.

Julie currently serves as the CEO of Family Service Association of Bucks County, where she leads 30 programs serving 40,000 participants in community-based, outpatient, and residential settings for families and children. During her tenure, Julie championed innovative solutions to address behavioral health, integrated care, family well-being, and systemic challenges. Her passion for mission-driven work aligns seamlessly with CHSofNJ's focus on empowering families and children to thrive.

In her own words, Julie shared: "I chose CHSofNJ because its mission deeply resonates with my personal and professional values. Both of my nieces are adopted, which gives me a profound connection to the transformative work CHSofNJ does every day. I am inspired by this organization's proactive approach to tackling societal challenges—intervening early in a child's life to set them on a path to success. This vision, to address intractable problems before they take root, is one I am excited to roll up my sleeves and work toward."

Julie's personal life also reflects her dedication to building strong, supportive communities. A proud mother of two adult children, Julie is married to her wife, Jessica, with whom she shares a joyful home. Together, they care for their two beloved dogs—a rescue pup and a black Labrador. Julie loves spending time at the Jersey Shore and takes every opportunity to enjoy the beach, hunt for sea glass, and take long sandy walks. On weekends, she also enjoys running, baking, golfing, exploring the world of wine, and creating lasting memories with family and friends.

Board Chair Micah Parker said, "Donna Pressma's visionary leadership over the past 38 years has transformed CHSofNJ into a beacon of hope and support for countless families. Donna has continued to lead our agency through growth and the CEO search process with unlimited energy and wisdom, and her work to build CHSofNJ will never be forgotten."

He added, "On behalf of the Board of Trustees and our 350 employees, we look forward to working with Julie and know she will lead us into a bright and sustainable future for the families and individuals we serve."

Julie Dees concluded, "I am honored to join CHSofNJ and look forward to building on Donna's incredible legacy. Together, we will continue to make a positive impact on the lives of families and individuals in our community."

We are confident that under Julie's leadership, CHSofNJ will continue to thrive and serve our communities with excellence.