

Montclair COPE Center Relocates

The COPE Center located at 104 Bloomfield Avenue in Montclair has temporarily relocated to 60 South Fullerton Street, also in Montclair, while the original facility undergoes restoration and major renovations, which will allow the Center to better serve its clients.

The restoration and major renovations at the Bloomfield Avenue location will include restoring the front of the building to its historical origins as well as handicap accessibility to the front entrance, support work, structural repairs, and handicap accessible bathrooms.

This project is a Barrier Free-Life Safety Improvement Initiative. Funding has been provided by the NJ State Division of Addiction Services (DAS) and is administered by the Addiction Treatment Providers Management Services Network (ATPMSN). These funds are very much appreciated but will not be enough to see the project through to completion, which is anticipated to be sometime in December 2006. Community support in the form of donations would be most welcome and can be sent to the COPE Center, 60 South Fullerton Street, Montclair, NJ 07042.

During the time of renovations, services will be available at the South Fullerton location as well as at the COPE Center located at 30 Gould Street in Verona.

The letters of COPE's name stand for Counseling, Outreach, Prevention, and Education, all areas in which the agency's professional staff is actively engaged in programs throughout Essex County and surrounding areas, including the centers in Montclair and Verona. The nonprofit agency is dedicated to providing quality behavioral health-care services that are affordable, accessible, and responsive to individual, family, and community needs. Its counselors work in the areas of drug and alcohol abuse, family crises, problems in daily living, and AIDS. COPE was started over 30 years ago by the Junior League of Montclair and the United Way of North Essex.

Information on any of COPE's programs is available by calling 973-783-6659 or by visiting the agency's Web site, www.copecenter.net.