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**CAMDEN COMMUNITY CALLS ON PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO INVEST IN HEALING FOR YOUTH AT "TAKE BACK OUR HEALTH" EVENT**

On Wednesday, November 7, at 6 pm at Rutgers University-Camden, the [Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers Community Advisory Council](#) (CAC) and [Healing 10](#), in conjunction with [New Jersey Institute for Social Justice's "150 Years is Enough"](#) campaign, hosted Take Back Our Health. The Take Back Our Health forum aimed to build support for public decision-makers to redirect funds from youth incarceration to community-based programs that provide behavioral health support for Camden youth.

"Often we look for others to solve issues in our community, but with so much pain and anguish in the world, we decided to look within ourselves to Take Back Our Health for the most vulnerable: our youth," said Community Advisory Council Chairwoman Nancy Pope-White.

As of 2014, the [state spends up to \\$196.133 to incarcerate each young person every year](#). Strategic reinvestment in communities can disrupt the school-to-prison pipeline and improve the overall health of our communities. There is no need to reinvent the wheel or look far for ideas of how to do so. Take Back Our Health highlighted trauma-informed-care best practices and programs right here in Camden and surrounding areas.

**About the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers**

*The Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers is a citywide coalition of over 35 hospitals, primary care providers, and community organizations working together to deliver better health care to vulnerable citizens in Camden, NJ. Founded by Dr. Jeffrey Brenner in 2002, the Coalition knits together a fragmented health care system for patients with complex needs and repeated, ineffective and expensive hospitalizations, using smart data and holistic, multi-disciplinary team care. We believe if we can deliver better care at lower cost here in Camden, it can be done for everyone, everywhere in America.*

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