

Hello,

My name is Margie Barilla, CEO and founder of Journey Academy, a Residential Mental health clinic for at risk youth. I am an advocate for mental health as well as the well being for all walks of life. Journey Academy is a facility meant to help the voiceless receive a voice, help the people who have never experienced graciousness and love. We plan on opening in the next upcoming months, giving care at a 1:5 client to staff ratio to ensure a high level of treatment, both mentally and physically, and alleviate Ohio's problem of displaced youth.

I stand here today in hopes that telling my story will spark critical thought and an openness for change within the community, and allow us to hold ourselves accountable and accept a movement toward a better tomorrow.