



The Nord Center

Comprehensive Behavioral Healthcare

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Nord Center Named “Top 100 IT Projects of 2009”

The Nord Center receives the prestigious honor as one of the “Top 100 IT Projects of 2009” from *InfoWorld Magazine* for transforming its paper-based documentation process into a fully, electronic, biometrically authenticated system. The process includes taking existing paper forms and converting them to electronically signed forms that become authenticated during the signing process with the use of Digital Persona’s fingerprint readers. The electronic scripted signature is tied to the employees finger print serving the purpose of both protecting the user’s identity and making the signers identity indubitable. Chris Rojek, Chief Information Officer, states “for an agency that has several remote sites within a county, and where an employee may not be located in the same facility as his or her supervisor, these changes save time and mileage by reducing the need for couriers to transport documents from facility to facility.”

Immediate benefits include time saved in delivering documents electronically rather than by hand; no need to store documents after their usefulness period; no need to file documents because documents are routed automatically to the appropriate document libraries; and

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documents which previously took 30 days to get into the correct file folder are now done and filed electronically in less than a minute. The costs of paper, toner, support services for copier and printers have been reduced as well.

The Nord Center provides comprehensive, behavioral healthcare services that are culturally competent and evidence-based, and that promote recovery, dignity, and well being for our clients, their families, and the community we serve. The Nord Center is a 501(c) (3) non-profit community behavioral health organization that serves over 7,700 consumers per year. Incorporated in 1947, The Nord Center is the principal provider of behavioral healthcare service in the community. A leader in evidence-based practices, it is one of the largest behavioral healthcare providers in the State of Ohio.

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