

Budget Overview

Strategic Priorities and Executive Budget Recommendation Highlights 2007-2008

THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH envisions a future when everyone with a mental illness will recover, when all mental illnesses can be prevented or cured, when everyone with a mental illness at any stage of life has access to effective treatment and supports—essential for living, working, learning, and participating fully in the community.

The 2007-2008 EXECUTIVE BUDGET continues to build upon initiatives from previous years to promote the mental health of all New Yorkers, with a particular focus on providing hope and recovery for adults with serious mental illness and children with serious emotional disturbances. The Strategic Plan Framework and systematic, inclusive planning processes have been integral to the development of a set of strategic priorities that serves as the foundation for advancing mental health care in New York State. What follows is an overview of eight strategic priorities embraced by OMH and the corresponding initiatives supported by the Executive Budget Recommendations. Details of the Recommendations are available in the accompanying State Operations and Aid to Localities Fact Sheets.

Enhancing access to effective community-based services for children and families

New funding

- ◆ Adding 180 more HCBW slots
- ◆ Providing continuity of care to young adults transitioning to the adult service system
- ◆ Continuing support for school mental health services

Annualized funding for the Achieving the Promise initiative

- ◆ Recognizing emotional disturbance in children early
- ◆ Improving access to treatment through admission to Clinic Plus
- ◆ Providing tele-psychiatry services, particularly in rural areas
- ◆ Supporting the New York State Evidence-Based Treatment Dissemination Center training and consultation efforts
- ◆ Expanding Home and Community-based Waiver (HCBW) slots

Enhancing community-based program models to recruit and retain a qualified workforce and respond to other inflationary pressures

New funding

- ◆ Increasing funding to Community Residence and Family-based Treatment programs as a three-year initiative, to enhance staffing and respond to inflationary pressures
- ◆ Providing a third rent stipend increase for Supported Housing, to respond to marketplace concerns for rent and utility costs
- ◆ Initiating a second cost-of-living (COLA) for community-based programs, to enhance staffing and respond to inflationary pressures

Annualized funding

- ◆ Continuing COLAs for community-based programs, to enhance staffing and respond to inflationary pressures

Promoting public mental health by reducing the risk of suicide

Annualized funding

- ◆ Supporting the ongoing State Suicide Prevention Plan implementation and related local suicide prevention and public awareness initiatives

Providing access to safe and affordable community housing

New funding

- ◆ Expanding Supported Housing and single-room occupancy (SRO) efficiency apartments statewide by 2,000 beds
- ◆ Expanding New York/New York III in New York City by 625 Supportive Housing and single-room occupancy (SRO) efficiency apartment beds

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- ◆ Increasing support for property, construction, rehabilitation, and facility rehabilitation

Local capital re-appropriation

- ◆ Continuing development over 10 years under NY/NY III of 9,000 Supportive Housing units (5,500 targeted to persons with serious mental illness) for individuals and families who are homeless or at risk for homelessness

Annualized funding

- ◆ Continuing the development of community housing for children and adults, which, once completed, will support 38,800 community beds, including NY/NY III

Enhancing access to effective community-based services for older adults

Annualized funding

- ◆ Continuing support of demonstration programs aimed at effective service provision to older adults with mental illness

Providing access to efficient and high-quality mental health services

New funding

- ◆ Improving the capacity of the OMH Research Institutes to enhance children's mental health treatment and support services
- ◆ Expanding and enhancing mental health services to prison inmates
- ◆ Replacing lost Federal funding to continue Project Caring, to bridge corrections and community-based services for women with mental illness
- ◆ Adding supported employment slots for persons with mental illness
- ◆ Addressing program growth in Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Programs
- ◆ Offsetting a reduction in Federal block grant funding
- ◆ Supporting a net increase in full-time equivalent positions to meet State staffing requirements
- ◆ Supporting trend factor increases for Residential Treatment Facilities
- ◆ Responding to increased pharmacy, medical, and OMH Psychiatric Centers' fossil fuel and electricity costs and responding to the statewide initiative to achieve Non-Personal Savings

Continued funding

- ◆ Maintaining current bed levels within OMH Adult, Children and Youth, and Forensic programs
- ◆ Providing the ARMS Medicaid supplement to certain hospitals that will be reconfiguring/reconsolidating inpatient services or implementing quality assurance programs
- ◆ Supporting State facility building preservation, design and construction, health and safety, accreditation, energy conservation and environmental protection

Implementing an effective performance and accountability infrastructure

New funding

- ◆ Expanding the medication management program, PSYCKES, to enhance prescribing practices in Children's Psychiatric Centers and among community providers
- ◆ Strengthening quality oversight of community providers in collaboration with the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General
- ◆ Working with the Health Department and the Department of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services to promote coordinated care for persons with co-occurring disorders

Increasing public safety through the civil commitment of sexually violent persons, where appropriate, to secure treatment facilities

New funding

- ◆ Supporting staff additions for delivering treatment services

Annualized funding

- ◆ Treating sexual offenders in secure settings