

Mission Statement of The Coalition of Behavioral Health Agencies, Inc.

As the umbrella advocacy organization of behavioral health agencies in New York City and environs, the Coalition's mission is to advocate for, inform, and provide training and technical assistance for these agencies so that they may provide the best possible services with sufficient funding in a favorable regulatory environment. Taken together, these agencies serve more than 350,000 adults and children and deliver the entire continuum of behavioral health care in every neighborhood.

The Coalition fulfills this mission by:

- Coordinating the efforts of government and the private sector toward efficient delivery of quality mental health services to children, adults and families who depend upon them;
- Promoting the development and provision of services to all New Yorkers, including persons with HIV, struggling families, the fragile elderly, people living with co-morbid health conditions, people discharged from psychiatric hospitals and detoxification units, prison discharges and troubled children;
- Advocating with government, business and philanthropy to seek ample resources for its members;
- Serving as a liaison and sector representative with government officials;
- Analyzing, proposing and supporting appropriate public policies that affect the behavioral health provider community and the other stakeholder constituencies;
- Furnishing information and linkages, by means of print and technology, to enable the public and sector representatives to more actively participate in the public debate about behavioral health policy;
- Acting as an information clearing house, informing and involving member agencies in issues and policies that affect the community;
- Promoting best practices in the delivery of services and offering high value technical assistance and training to our members that will help them offer quality, and cost-effective services and help them to compete in an evidence-informed and market driven health care environment with changing and complex laws, regulations and oversight requirements;
- Fighting the stigma associated with mental illness and substance dependence and promoting public and community acceptance of people who live with mental illness and substance dependence and the programs that treat and serve them.