



## SUPPORT COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY IS GRATEFUL TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS OF THE MOST VULNERABLE AND MARGINALIZED POPULATIONS. *THE NEEDS AND DEMANDS OF THE COMMUNITY CONTINUE TO GROW.*

**WE URGE THE CITY COUNCIL TO REAPPROPRIATE AND INCREASE THE FUNDS AVAILABLE IN FY 2019 TO \$16,500,000**

The Coalition for Behavioral Health members participate in the following Mental Health Initiatives:

### **MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS: (FY19 Ask - \$2,000,000)**

CBOs and Advocacy Networks provide mental health programs, services, and referrals to the most difficult to serve and clinical and practice management trainings to their provider.

### **COURT-INVOLVED YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE: (FY19 Ask - \$2,500,000)**

Assesses risk for mental health concerns and connects court-involved youth with CBOs familiar with City and State Agencies.

### **CHILDREN UNDER FIVE: (FY19 Ask - \$2,000,000)**

This allocation funds community-based outpatient mental health clinics throughout the City that provide mental health treatment to children aged five years and younger. Mental health treatment activities may include, but are not limited to, screening and clinical evaluation; individual, small group, and child-parent psychotherapy; consultation to pediatricians, preschool teachers, and child welfare workers; and trauma-informed interventions.

### **GERIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH: (FY19 Ask - \$2,500,000)**

This funding supports organizations that provide a range of mental health services to older adults in “non-clinical settings,” such as senior centers, drop-in centers, religious institutions, social clubs, homeless prevention programs, and individual homes.

### **MEDICAID REDESIGN TRANSITION: (FY19 Ask - \$1,000,000)**

Assists CBOs that provide mental health services transition from a fee-for-service system to a managed-care model under New York State’s Medicaid redesign.

### **DEVELOPMENTAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: (FY19 Ask - 2,500,000)**

This initiative targets individuals in need of mental health care, particularly those with chemical dependencies, developmental disabilities and/or serious mental illness. The funding supports a range of programs and services that address the needs of those individuals as well as the needs of their families and caregivers.

### **AUTISM AWARENESS: (FY19 Ask - \$4,000,000)**

This allocation supports wraparound services for autistic children in after-school and summer programs and during school closings. The programs may also provide forums or training seminars to teach coping skills to families and caregivers affected by autism.

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