

Governor Kathy Hochul has announced a \$1 billion, multi-year investment to strengthen the state's continuum of mental health care and drastically reduce the number of New Yorkers with unmet mental health needs. The plan will increase inpatient psychiatric treatment capacity, expand outpatient services, boost insurance coverage, and develop thousands of new specialized housing units to serve individuals with mental illness. Here is some of the work now underway:



Enhancing Youth Services

- Funded 137 new school-based mental health clinics.
- Strengthened suicide prevention programs.
- Increasing statewide coverage of home-based crisis intervention teams.
- Expanding HealthySteps to 46 new pediatric clinics in 19 counties.
- Required commercial insurance plans to cover crisis intervention and school-based mental health services.



Expanding Community-Based Care

- Funded 13 new Certified Community Based Health Clinics, with 13 more in planning.
- Adding 42 Assertive Community Treatment teams.
- Establishing 50 Critical Time Intervention teams.
- Adding 12 new Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Programs to provide crisis outreach and emergency services.
- Funding 3 peer-led Intensive and Sustained Engagement teams.



Developing Specialized Housing

- 900 transitional units for individuals leaving more intensive care.
- 600 licensed apartment units for individuals who need intermediate services.
- 1,500 supportive housing units for individuals with living with mental illness.



Strengthening Inpatient Services

- Opened 150 beds in state-operated psychiatric hospitals.
- Restored nearly 500 beds at community-based hospitals that were offline since the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Established 50 Transition to Home beds in New York City.



Addressing Homelessness

- Adding 7 new Safe Option Supports teams in other areas of the state and awarding funding to 4 others.
- Helped 250 chronically homeless individuals into stable housing in New York City.
- Funding 500 community residence units for individuals at high risk of homelessness.



Strengthening the Workforce

- Expanded eligibility for the Community Mental Health Loan Repayment Program to more licensed mental health professionals.
- Awarded first scholarships to support underrepresented students entering mental health degree programs at SUNY/CUNY.