

Mental Health, Office of

Mission

The Office of Mental Health's (OMH) mission is to promote the mental health of all New Yorkers, with a particular focus on facilitating hope and recovery for adults and children with serious mental illness or emotional disturbances.

Organization and Staffing

The Office of Mental Health (OMH) has a Central Office in Albany, which oversees State Operated and Local Programs, and the State directly operates 24 psychiatric facilities. The Local Programs are delivered by a combination of local government and community-based service providers; oversight is provided by OMH's Central Office program and fiscal staff, and by five regional Field Office Directors, who work with local Directors of Community Services, regional program and fiscal staff, and report to the Commissioner. The overall workforce is projected to increase by 6 FTEs to 13,875 in FY 2023.

Budget Highlights

The Executive Budget provides \$5.1 billion in All Funds appropriations, a net increase of \$630.5 million from FY 2022, reflecting investments in the State and not-for-profit workforce through the Human Services cost of living adjustment (COLA), healthcare and mental hygiene worker bonuses and minimum wage increases, and continued investment in community-based services.

The Executive Budget demonstrates Governor Hochul's commitment to enhancing and expanding OMH community services to ensure people have access to the most appropriate and cost-effective community setting. OMH has continued to strengthen its service offerings in recent years by expanding supported housing units throughout the State, providing additional peer support services, and developing new services such as mobile crisis teams. Since FY 2015, the expansion in community-based services has resulted in nearly 106,000 previously unserved individuals including over 2,100 individuals served in reinvestment-funded supported housing beds. The success of these community investments has resulted in the reduction of nearly 800 unnecessary, vacant inpatient beds over the same period.

The Budget advances efforts that improve quality and expand capacity of services in the community. Specifically, the Budget will:

- **Support the Federal Creation of a 988 Crisis Hotline.** The Budget includes \$35 million in FY 2023, increasing to \$60 million in FY 2024, to support the implementation of the 988 Crisis Hotline in New York State; and legislation to authorize expanded supports and services and ensure the continuation of current suicide prevention call center resources.
- **Strengthen Suicide Prevention to Combat Increased Mental Health Challenges due to the Pandemic.** The Budget will enhance mental health and suicide prevention programs available for youth and families experiencing a mental health crisis. This includes an investment of \$10 million to fund the expansion of the Home-Based Crisis Intervention (HBCI) program and the establishment of a Mental Wellness Community Workforce.
- **Establish Safe Options Support Teams.** OMH will partner with NYC to reach homeless individuals living on the streets by establishing 20 new teams of mental health professionals performing Critical Time Intervention, an evidence-based practice to help connect people to housing and services.
- **Increase Support for Existing Residential Programs.** The Budget makes a two-year commitment of an additional \$104 million - \$65 million in FY 2023 and \$39 million in FY 2024 – for existing community-based residential programs and includes legislation to extend property pass-through provisions to include OMH's supported housing. This investment helps preserve access to housing, a critical component of recovery.
- **Expand the Joseph P. Dwyer Program Statewide.** The Budget includes \$7.7 million to expand the Joseph P. Dwyer Peer-to-Peer Veterans' Support Program statewide, providing vital peer support and counseling services to veterans who are transitioning from military service to civilian life.
- **Enhance Children's Mental Health Programs.** The Budget will bolster mental health services for children and families by continuing to integrate behavioral health services into pediatric primary care visits through the HealthySteps program, investing an additional \$7.5 million in Residential Treatment Facilities (RTFs) for children, and continuing expansion of other children's community mental health services.

For more information on this agency's budget recommendations located in the Executive Budget Briefing Book,

click on the following link:

Program Highlights

New York State has a large, multi-faceted, public mental health system that serves more than 800,000 individuals each year. OMH operates psychiatric centers across the State, and regulates, certifies, and oversees more than 4,500 programs, which are operated by local governments and nonprofit agencies. These programs fall into four major categories:

- **State Operated Services:** OMH operates two world-renowned Research Institutes and 22 psychiatric centers that provide over 3,270 inpatient beds for Adult, Children and Youth, and Forensic populations. The agency also runs over 80 outpatient clinics, roughly 1,200 residential beds, and a range of community programs in State prison settings. As part of their ongoing transformation efforts, OMH continues to transition individuals with mental illness to more integrated community-based settings. These efforts have allowed OMH to decrease State operated census and workforce over the last five years without compromising clinical care.
- **Adult Residential Programs:** For individuals with mental illness, safe and affordable housing is an essential element of recovery. OMH oversees a large array of adult housing resources and residential habilitation programs in New York State, including congregate treatment, licensed apartments, single room residences, and supported housing. Each residential setting is designed to provide the supports and services necessary for individuals to live in the least restrictive setting possible.
- **Adult Non-Residential Programs:** OMH contracts with local governments and not-for-profit agencies to provide community-based services and supports for individuals with mental illness. The agency supports outpatient programs, including clinic treatment, crisis intervention, emergency services, advocacy and support, and other community services that promote recovery.
- **Children and Youth Programs:** OMH oversees a variety of programs to support children and youth, and their families, including inpatient programs, residential treatment facilities, and community-based services and supports.

**ALL FUNDS
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Category	Available FY 2022	Appropriations Recommended FY 2023	Change From FY 2022	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2023
State Operations	2,229,733,000	2,170,646,000	(59,087,000)	4,693,000
Aid To Localities	1,723,687,000	2,513,322,000	789,635,000	145,825,000
Capital Projects	534,472,000	434,472,000	(100,000,000)	2,669,644,000
Total	4,487,892,000	5,118,440,000	630,548,000	2,820,162,000

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ALL FUND TYPES
PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM
FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Program	FY 2022 Estimated FTEs 03/31/22	FY 2023 Estimated FTEs 03/31/23	FTE Change
Administration and Finance			
General Fund	386	392	6
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	11	11	0
Internal Service Funds	10	10	0
Adult Services			
General Fund	7,695	7,695	0
Capital Planning			
Capital Projects Funds - Other	683	683	0
Children and Youth Services			
General Fund	1,350	1,350	0
Forensic Services			
General Fund	2,706	2,706	0
Research in Mental Illness			
General Fund	393	393	0
Secure Treatment			
General Fund	635	635	0
Total	13,869	13,875	6

STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Fund Type	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change
Enterprise Funds	8,606,000	8,606,000	0
General Fund	2,196,035,000	2,136,948,000	(59,087,000)
Internal Service Funds	2,597,000	2,597,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	5,013,000	5,013,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	17,482,000	17,482,000	0
Total	2,229,733,000	2,170,646,000	(59,087,000)

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STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
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Program	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change
Administration and Finance			
Enterprise Funds	8,606,000	8,606,000	0
General Fund	85,369,000	83,964,000	(1,405,000)
Internal Service Funds	2,597,000	2,597,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	5,013,000	5,013,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	4,402,000	4,402,000	0
Adult Services			
General Fund	1,367,071,000	1,334,303,000	(32,768,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	5,850,000	5,850,000	0
Children and Youth Services			
General Fund	242,652,000	231,490,000	(11,162,000)
Forensic Services			
General Fund	328,901,000	321,985,000	(6,916,000)
Research in Mental Illness			
General Fund	87,867,000	85,045,000	(2,822,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	7,230,000	7,230,000	0
Secure Treatment			
General Fund	84,175,000	80,161,000	(4,014,000)
Total	2,229,733,000	2,170,646,000	(59,087,000)

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2023 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Finance	53,065,000	17,503,000	52,057,000	17,503,000
Adult Services	1,051,743,000	363,032,000	1,002,555,000	363,032,000
Children and Youth Services	194,480,000	62,292,000	182,696,000	62,292,000
Forensic Services	285,404,000	90,705,000	253,525,000	90,705,000
Research in Mental Illness	68,562,000	21,921,000	67,638,000	21,921,000
Secure Treatment	69,662,000	23,588,000	62,250,000	23,588,000
Total	1,722,916,000	579,041,000	1,620,721,000	579,041,000

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Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Finance	772,000	0	236,000	0
Adult Services	3,662,000	0	45,526,000	0
Children and Youth Services	2,410,000	0	9,374,000	0
Forensic Services	2,396,000	0	29,483,000	0
Research in Mental Illness	76,000	0	848,000	0
Secure Treatment	1,000,000	0	6,412,000	0
Total	10,316,000	0	91,879,000	0

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2023 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Finance	30,899,000	(18,908,000)	2,140,000	1,148,000
Adult Services	282,560,000	(395,800,000)	110,278,000	23,121,000
Children and Youth Services	37,010,000	(73,454,000)	16,688,000	3,850,000
Forensic Services	36,581,000	(97,621,000)	16,935,000	5,356,000
Research in Mental Illness	16,483,000	(24,743,000)	5,126,000	1,370,000
Secure Treatment	10,499,000	(27,602,000)	6,679,000	2,181,000
Total	414,032,000	(638,128,000)	157,846,000	37,026,000

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Finance	868,000	0	27,181,000	3,854,000
Adult Services	2,352,000	0	167,774,000	51,871,000
Children and Youth Services	673,000	0	18,794,000	4,728,000
Forensic Services	600,000	0	18,046,000	11,146,000
Research in Mental Illness	30,000	0	11,029,000	3,071,000
Secure Treatment	69,000	0	3,330,000	1,710,000
Total	4,592,000	0	246,154,000	76,380,000

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Program	Equipment		General State Charges	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Finance	710,000	0	0	(22,788,000)
Adult Services	2,156,000	0	0	(447,671,000)
Children and Youth Services	855,000	0	0	(78,182,000)
Forensic Services	1,000,000	0	0	(108,767,000)
Research in Mental Illness	298,000	0	0	(27,814,000)
Secure Treatment	421,000	0	0	(29,887,000)
Total	5,440,000	0	0	(715,109,000)

Program	Special Departmental Charges	
	Amount	Change
Administration and Finance	0	(1,122,000)
Adult Services	0	(23,121,000)
Children and Youth Services	0	(3,850,000)
Forensic Services	0	(5,356,000)
Research in Mental Illness	0	(1,370,000)
Secure Treatment	0	(1,606,000)
Total	0	(36,425,000)

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2023 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Finance	20,618,000	0	4,885,000	0
Adult Services	5,850,000	0	0	0
Research in Mental Illness	7,230,000	0	1,915,000	0
Total	33,698,000	0	6,800,000	0

Program	Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change
Administration and Finance	15,733,000	0
Adult Services	5,850,000	0
Research in Mental Illness	5,315,000	0
Total	26,898,000	0

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AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Fund Type	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change
General Fund	1,609,486,000	2,263,626,000	654,140,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	106,421,000	241,766,000	135,345,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	7,780,000	7,930,000	150,000
Total	1,723,687,000	2,513,322,000	789,635,000

AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Program	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change
Adult Services			
General Fund	1,362,169,000	1,935,100,000	572,931,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	89,525,000	202,738,000	113,213,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	7,780,000	7,930,000	150,000
Children and Youth Services			
General Fund	247,317,000	328,526,000	81,209,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	16,896,000	39,028,000	22,132,000
Total	1,723,687,000	2,513,322,000	789,635,000

CAPITAL PROJECTS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change	Reappropriations FY 2023
Community Mental Health Facilities				
Capital Projects Fund	6,000,000	6,000,000	0	49,757,000
MH Capital Improvements - Authority Bonds	65,722,000	65,722,000	0	636,995,000
Executive Direction				
Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	2,445,000
Maintenance and Improvements of Existing Facilities				
Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	455,000
MH Capital Improvements - Authority Bonds	0	0	0	108,456,000
Non-Bondable Projects				
Capital Projects Fund	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	6,045,000
State Mental Health Facilities				
Capital Projects Fund	86,750,000	86,750,000	0	154,967,000
MH Capital Improvements - Authority Bonds	375,000,000	275,000,000	(100,000,000)	1,710,524,000
Total	534,472,000	434,472,000	(100,000,000)	2,669,644,000

