



Broome County Mental Health Department

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The Broome County Mental Health Department is responsible for planning, developing, and evaluating mental hygiene services in Broome County. These mental hygiene services include alcoholism and substance abuse services, mental health programs, and services for persons with developmental disabilities. Beyond its regulatory role as the local governmental unit, the Department of Mental Health is also licensed to operate mental health and chemical dependency programs.

Administration

- 6th floor, 229-231 State Street, Binghamton, NY 13901 – 778-6357

Chemical Dependency Services Unit

- 36-42 Main Street, Binghamton, NY 13905 – 778-1253

CDSU provides a range of 60-100 brief chemical dependency assessments and monitors an average of 250 individual cases each month for the Department of Social Services. CDSU staff provides a highly experienced level of expertise in chemical dependency and as such, DSS relies on CDSU staff to act as liaison with the treating agencies and as consultant with DSS staff when needed.

Clinic

- 4th floor, 229-231 State Street, Binghamton, NY 13901 – 778-1152
Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00am to 4pm, Tuesday 8:00am to 9pm

An interdisciplinary team offers services to adult (18 & older) residents of Broome County for a wide range of emotional/mental difficulties. Treatment is voluntary and available to anyone with a mental health diagnosis. Referrals accepted are from other mental health service providers, self-referrals, and other social agencies. The referral process begins with a call to the Clinic, when individuals are then given an appointment for an initial assessment.

NOTE: The Broome County Mental Health Clinic is not accepting new patients.

Clinic Plus

- 6th floor, 229-231 State Street, Binghamton, NY 13901 – 778-1111

A Broome County Department of Mental Health project contracted to the Family Enrichment Network, which provides screening services for children under 18 years of age who are Broome County residents. Screenings are distributed through the school districts and completed at home or at school.



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Court Liaison Unit

- 4th floor, 229-231 State Street, Binghamton, NY 13901 – 778-2126

Court Liaison Unit provides evaluations for the civil, family and criminal court systems, which include competency, dangerousness evaluations, and need for commitment. An important function of the staff is to act as a liaison between Broome County Community Mental Health Services, law enforcement agencies, and the judicial system.

Dual Recovery Project

- 6th floor, 229-231 State Street, Binghamton, NY 13901 – 778-1162

A Broome County Department of Mental Health project contracted to the Addiction Center of Broome County, the mission of the Dual Recovery Project is to coordinate a collaborative effort among providers of mental health and substance abuse treatment to create a seamless integration of psychiatric and substance abuse interventions in order to form a cohesive, unitary system of care. The integration of services represents the organizational dimension of treatment: Services for both mental illness and substance abuse need to be provided simultaneously by the same clinicians within the same organization, in order to avoid gaps in services delivery and to ensure that both types of disorders are treated effectively.

Families First

- 6th floor, 229-231 State Street, Binghamton, NY 13901 – 778-3080

A cooperative effort between the Broome County Departments of Mental Health and Social Services to assist families at risk of having children placed out of the home. Family focused, strengths based clinical and supportive services (including intensive, concrete, and highly individualized services) are provided to families in crises to help them identify and work through the issues that are threatening family stability. In-home therapists meet with families at least three times a week in addition to helping families access other needed supports and services, and coordinating services with other providers in the community. Access to the program is through the Department of Social Services or the PINS/Probation Unit. No referral packet is required. Average length of stay ranges from 12 to 16 weeks.



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Promise Zone

- 6th floor, 229-231 State Street, Binghamton, NY 13901 – 778-1146

The Promise Zone is an action strategy to achieve New York State's goals of student engagement, academic achievement, dropout prevention, social and emotional competence, establishing positive school culture and school safety. The initiative has formalized partnerships with Binghamton University, BOCES and the local school districts as well as child-serving state and local agencies to strategize the community school model in Broome County.

Re-Entry Program

- 6th floor, 229-231 State Street, Binghamton, NY 13901 – 778-1263

The Broome County Reentry ABLE Program is designed to assist men and women in meeting the challenges they face when returning to our community, from a NYS Correctional Facility, with the ultimate goal of reducing recidivism, rebuilding lives and communities, and enhancing public safety.

Performance Management

- 6th floor, 229-231 State Street, Binghamton, NY 13901 – 778-1148

Performance Management oversees the monitoring of contracted mental health and social services preventive programs for children and families within the Broome County Mental Health and Social Services Departments. The department provides technical assistance to contract agencies to support ongoing performance improvement and serves as chair for the Cultural and Linguistic Competency Committee.

Vocational Initiatives Program

- **PROGRAM is not available till November 2014**

Provides vocational case management/vocational services coordination for recipients of mental health services who are interested in pursuing competitive employment. These services are individualized and designed to assist individuals to identify their needs, strengths, and barriers to employment and to help them to access other resources and supports they might need to successfully obtain and maintain employment.