



NYS Coalition
for Children's Behavioral Health

ANNUAL REPORT

2024



NOTE FROM CCBH PRESIDENT & CEO

KAYLEIGH ZALOGA

As we close out another year of collaboration, advocacy, and progress, I want to thank each member of our provider agencies, Board of Directors, and Coalition staff for your dedication to improving the lives of children and families across New York State.

The work you do, and the work we do together, strengthens communities and fuels the Coalition's mission to ensure that children's behavioral health providers and families have access to the comprehensive system of services, resources, and supports they need to thrive.

This report highlights some of the collective impact of our efforts and the momentum we are building for the future. Together, we are creating meaningful change and shaping a better system for those we serve. Thank you for being an integral part of this community. I look forward to continuing our work together in 2025!



NOTE FROM CCBH BOARD CHAIR

MARIA CRISTALLI

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, we are pleased to share the Coalition's 2024 Annual Report. I am grateful to our dedicated staff for engaging with our provider agencies to advance our priorities on behalf of children and families throughout New York State. This year has been a testament to the dedication and collaborative spirit of our members and partners. Together, we have navigated challenges, embraced new opportunities, and worked tirelessly to advance our mission and vision for a comprehensive children's behavioral health system. Thank you for your continued involvement and dedication to our shared goals.

We look forward to another productive year in 2025!





2024 MEMBERSHIP STATS

THE COALITION
IS GROWING!

49 Provider
Members

7 New Members
in 2024

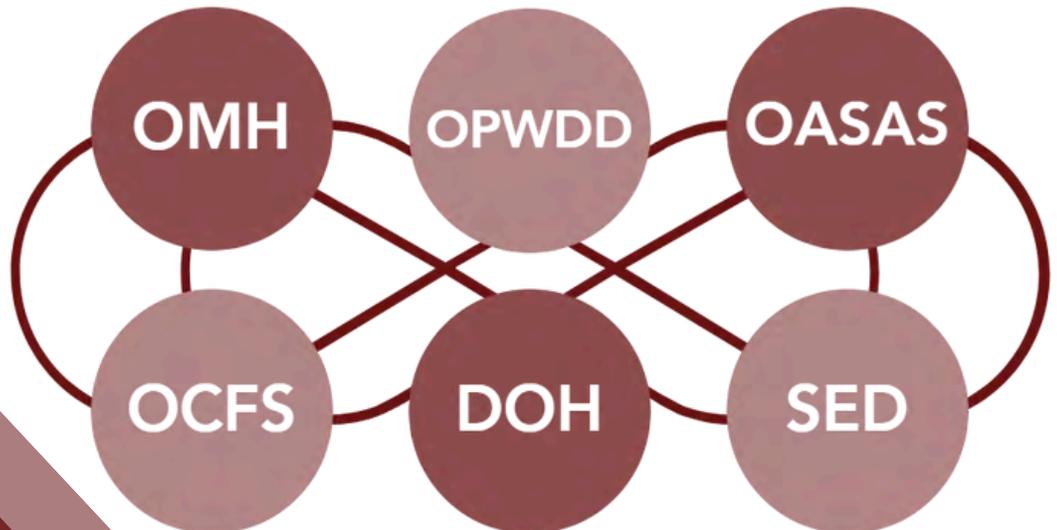
3 Allied & Affiliate
Members

SERVING YOUTH & FAMILIES

CCBH Members:

- Serve nearly **200,000** children and their families across the continuum of children's services
- Serve families in *every* county of New York State and employ over **21,000** individuals in their child-serving programs

THE CONTINUUM OF CARE



WE HEARD YOU...

Provider Groups allow members to be actively involved in the work we do to ensure children and families receive the supports and services they need.

This year we added
3 NEW Provider Groups:

MHOTRS/CLINIC

Home Based Crisis
Intervention (HBCI)

Critical Time Transition
Program (CTTP)



LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER

CCBH Members come from all regions in New York State and we believe they can learn so much from each other.

In 2024, CCBH added several opportunities to bring members together to discuss topics of most importance on both the State and Federal level.

Those groups include:

- New-CEO Group
- CFO Group
- Advocacy & Lobbying Trainings
- Tailored Briefings from the National Council on Mental Wellbeing



2024 COALITION SUCSESSES

Thanks to our members and advocacy partners, we were able to secure...

- A **2.84% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA)** for Medicaid service rates
- An **additional \$4 million in loan forgiveness** specifically for child-serving mental health practitioners
- A **new legal requirement that commercial health insurance plans pay at least the Medicaid rate** for covered in-network OMH- and OASAS-licensed behavioral health services
- **No additional cuts** to the Health Home Serving Children program
- **Rate increases for Youth ACT teams**, and, through collaboration with OMH, new slot allocations and updated program guidance that improves Youth ACT Crisis Intervention Services and better supports both families and staff.
- Input on the OMH Residential Treatment Facility (RTF) Clinical and Direct Care Staff Full Time Equivalent Guidelines, **resulting in positive revisions to the guidance** that work for agencies and are in the best interest of the children and families served.
- **Increased funding for Children's Community Residence (CCR) service capacity and workforce retention for CCRs** that have incurred a Medicaid revenue shortfall since 2022.

WE LOVED SEEING YOU...

Our annual Policy Forum and Best Practices and Workforce Development Training Conference bring members, state officials, and other stakeholders together for focused networking and learning.

Policy Forum

During the 2024 Policy Forum, we kicked it off with an exhilarating presentation on generative AI before turning to experts from the New Jersey Children's System of Care and our own state agency, provider, and community healthcare leaders for a full day of discussions on improving cross-systems services and meeting the complex clinical and behavioral health needs of children and families.

Best Practices and Workforce Development Training Conference

Offered in partnership with OMH, nearly 300 provider staff from across the state joined together for two days of workshops and discussions, ranging from day treatment interventions and workforce retention strategies to mindfulness and screen time, plus the prestigious recognition of member agencies' valued staff during our employee of the year awards ceremony.