



2023 Goals and Plans Form

Jefferson County Community Services

Goal 1: Enhance Crisis Services including mental health, substance use disorder, and individuals with developmental disabilities

Goal 2: Ensure availability of respite and short term stabilization services

Goal 3: Increase various levels of housing availability

Goal 4 (Optional): Improve mental hygiene service equity specifically regarding gender identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, and geographic location

Annual and intermediate plans for addiction services:

- Explore and develop innovative, low barrier, crisis respite/supported housing options for higher need individuals experiencing co-occurring disorders.

Annual and intermediate plans for developmental disability services:

- Explore and develop an innovative, low barrier, crisis respite/supported housing option for higher need individuals experiencing co-occurring disorders.
- Ensure that our enhanced crisis services development includes the IDD population
- Explore Autism related programming

Annual and intermediate plans for mental health services:

- Enhance crisis services to include mobile crisis
- Add respite housing opportunities
- Add supported housing options
- Improve mental hygiene service equity, specifically regarding: gender identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, and geographical location
- Work with state partners to increase state inpatient psychiatric service availability and lower unnecessary barriers to those services
- Explore and develop innovative, low barrier, crisis respite/supported housing options for higher need individuals experiencing co-occurring disorders.

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2023 Needs Assessment Form

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Crisis Services Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Need description (Optional): Jefferson County does not currently have a mobile crisis service or stabilization center.

Housing Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Adults Only

Need description (Optional): Jefferson County is experiencing a dramatic increase in homelessness, especially with the MH and SUD populations. Additional housing at all levels is needed.

Inpatient Treatment Yes

Applies to OASAS? No

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? No

Need Applies to: Adults Only

Need description (Optional): Our local inpatient system and emergency department is overwhelmed with a dramatic increase in high need, complex MH clients in need to inpatient services.

Residential Treatment Services Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Youth Only

Need description (Optional): Overall increases in acuity for our community members is resulting in residential programs accommodating higher need clients than in the past. This is exacerbated by the difficulty accessing inpatient programming statewide.

Respite Yes

Applies to OASAS? No

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Need description (Optional): Jefferson County does currently not have respite services for MH or IDD clients. Jefferson is also in need of a low barrier respite option for cross system clients.

Transportation Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Need description (Optional): Jefferson County has a large geographical footprint, numerous low population, rural areas and extreme weather during the winter months. Low population densities make service provision difficult in our rural areas. High levels of poverty create transportation related barriers to behavioral health services.

Workforce Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Need description (Optional): We are experiencing shortages in all levels of our workforce across all three treatment areas.

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