



Office of Addiction
Services and Supports

Office of
Mental Health

Office for People With
Developmental Disabilities

2023 Goals and Plans Form

Cattaraugus County Community Services Department

Goal 1: Establish a Crisis Team

Goal 2: Continue Establishment of an Integrated Clinic

Goal 3: Expand Systems of Care in Community

Annual and intermediate plans for addiction services:

1. Create a Crisis Response Team that includes at least a Therapist and Peer to respond to crises in the county. An on-call provider would assist in complex needs.
2. Provide Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for all appropriate consumers.
3. Develop and increase community coalitions for recovery and prevention, including the efforts to expand AIR (Adventures in Recovery) Cattaraugus, a Recovery Center Organization (RCO).
4. Expand Systems of Care (SOC) to educate and train volunteers to serve any of the 3 oversight agencies (Addictions Services & Supports, Developmental Disabilities, and Mental Health).

Annual and intermediate plans for developmental disability services:

1. Create a Crisis Response Team that includes at least a Therapist and Peer to respond to crises in the county. An on-call provider would assist in complex needs, while collaborating with OPWDD to ensure appropriate response.
2. Sustainability plans for Developmental Disabilities Providers in County to build and maintain integrated community centers and/or recreational facilities.
3. Increase access to services for I/DD, including respite.
4. Expand Systems of Care (SOC) to educate and train volunteers to serve any of the 3 oversight agencies (Addictions Services & Supports, Developmental Disabilities, and Mental Health).

Annual and intermediate plans for mental health services:

1. Create a Crisis Response Team that includes at least a Therapist and Peer to respond to crises in the county. An on-call provider would assist in complex needs.
2. Hire and maintain OASAS-certified staff in the mental health counseling center, which is expanding into an integrated clinic.
3. Develop and increase community coalitions for health and wellness.
4. Expand Systems of Care (SOC) to educate and train volunteers to serve any of the 3 oversight agencies (Addictions Services & Supports, Developmental Disabilities, and Mental Health).

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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): Need to respond to crises in more effective manner, including developmental disabilities, addictions, and physical/mental wellbeing, for both children and adults. Address issues with individuals languishing in local Emergency Room, while waiting for assessment and determination of level of risk.

Cross System Services Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Need description (Optional): Expand Systems of Care to include consumers, consumer groups, voluntary agencies and other providers of services in community. Educate community regarding ability of consumers to participate in systems of care, including volunteer/employment opportunities for youth and adults.

Housing Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Need description (Optional): LGU will aspire to become more involved in housing opportunities within the county, as the LGU has the perspective of individual needs in community.

Inpatient Treatment Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Need description (Optional): Need expanded inpatient beds for adults and inpatient treatment beds for children, even if only 3 beds, at the local hospital.

Respite Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Need description (Optional): The only adult respite is in another county. Although that service is available to Cattaraugus County individuals, the respite agency is not always able to provide transportation and seldom collaborates with the individual's Cattaraugus County providers. Cattaraugus County would explore options for an integrated clinic to serve individuals with addictions, mental health, and developmental disabilities diagnoses.

Workforce Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Need description (Optional): All the State moneys poured into DPS (Direct Providers of Services) and HWB (Healthcare Worker Bonus) incentives do not seem to be changing retention of long-term employment status. Some of those workers may lose other services, i.e., childcare or Medicaid, if their income exceeds identified thresholds, but the bonuses do not sustain their needs. Goal would be to increase the workforce to meet client needs in creative ways that have become necessary as a result of COVID. Additionally, State mandates for additional services affect the already strained labor markets; i.e., State-mandated MAT services in Jails draws CASAC staff candidates from other SUD treatment facilities.

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