



Goals and Objectives 2024 Jefferson County Community Services

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Goal 1

Goal 1: Title Increase Housing Opportunities

Goal 1: Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2027

Goal 1: Description Jefferson County is in need of additional housing opportunities from low/no barrier options for the homeless to permanent, affordable housing. Additional housing is also required to serve our OPWDD/OMH dually diagnosed clients.

Goal 1: OASAS? Yes Goal 1: OMH? Yes Goal 1: OPWDD? Yes

Goal 1: Need Addressed 1 Housing

Goal 1: Need Addressed 2 Respite

Goal 1: Need Addressed 3

Goal 1, Objective 1: Title Establish low/no barrier housing options for our street homeless population

Goal 1, Objective 1, Target Completion Date Nov 30, 2024

Goal 1, Objective 1, Description Establish a tiny home community (20 units) that allows safe, dignified, low barrier, emergency shelter for our street homeless population. This will be completed in collaboration with our local Dept. of Social Services, and our local providers. Guests will be encouraged to access services from our various provider agencies. Engagement specialists will be on site to assist guests in navigating available services.

Goal 1, Objective 2: Title Add Supportive/Transitional housing units.

Goal 1, Objective 2, Target Completion Date Dec 01, 2025

Goal 1, Objective 2, Description Add up to 130 supportive/transitional/affordable housing units under existing ESHI grants.

Goal 1, Objective 3: Title Partner with Dept Social Services to assist with housing planning

Goal 1, Objective 3, Target Completion Date Dec 01, 2023

Goal 1, Objective 3, Description Participate in advisory board to provide guidance and resources to newly established Director of Housing

Goal 1, Objective 4: Title Explore Respite Opportunities for Dually Diagnosed Community Members (OPWDD/OMH)

Goal 1, Objective 4, Target Completion Date Dec 01, 2025

Goal 1, Objective 4, Description Work with existing providers, state partners and surrounding counties to establish an emergency respite program for opwdd/omh clients.

Goal 2

Goal 2: Title Enhance Crisis Services

Goal 2: Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2027

Goal 2: Description Jefferson County is in need of a 24/7/365 crisis response system that utilizes a combination of crisis response teams, virtual crisis response services and an adequately trained first responder corps.

Goal 2: OASAS? Yes Goal 2: OMH? Yes Goal 2: OPWDD? Yes

Goal 2: Need Addressed 1 Crisis Services

Goal 2: Need Addressed 2 Cross System Services

Goal 2: Need Addressed 3

Goal 2, Objective 1: Title Explore crisis response models for Jefferson County

Goal 2, Objective 1, Target Completion Date Jun 01, 2024

Goal 2, Objective 1, Description Form and utilize a steering committee to explore existing crisis services in surrounding areas.

Goal 2, Objective 2: Title Create a plan that outlines future crisis services

Goal 2, Objective 2, Target Completion Date Jan 30, 2025

Goal 2, Objective 2, Description The results of the steering committee will be utilized to create a plan which outlines the appropriate crisis services for Jefferson County

Goal 2, Objective 3: Title Ensure First Responders are adequately trained for crisis response
Goal 2, Objective 3, Target Completion Date Jan 01, 2025
Goal 2, Objective 3, Description Continue to provide annual CIT training to local Law Enforcement
Provide First Responder Mental Health First Aid training to local first responders
Provide suicide prevention gatekeeper trainings to various parts of our community

Goal 3

Goal 3: Title Increase Available Workforce
Goal 3: Target Completion Date Dec 01, 2027
Goal 3: Description Develop initiatives to increase our available workforce.
Goal 3: OASAS? Yes Goal 3: OMH? Yes Goal 3: OPWDD? Yes
Goal 3: Need Addressed 1 Workforce
Goal 3: Need Addressed 2 Residential Treatment Services
Goal 3: Need Addressed 3

Goal 3, Objective 1: Title Develop an educational pathway for direct care staff
Goal 3, Objective 1, Target Completion Date Dec 01, 2025
Goal 3, Objective 1, Description Work with providers, BOCES and the local community college to develop standards for direct care staff.

Goal 3, Objective 2: Title Establish a Direct Care Staff Credential
Goal 3, Objective 2, Target Completion Date Dec 01, 2026
Goal 3, Objective 2, Description Establish a training curriculum that leads to a credential or micro-credential for direct care staff.

Goal 3, Objective 3: Title Improve Perception of Behavioral Health Employment
Goal 3, Objective 3, Target Completion Date Dec 01, 2027
Goal 3, Objective 3, Description Re-establish a recognition event for area behavioral health staff

Goal 3, Objective 4: Title Develop an Intern Clearinghouse
Goal 3, Objective 4, Target Completion Date Dec 01, 2026
Goal 3, Objective 4, Description Work with local providers and participating colleges to provide a more streamlined approach to placing interns in our provider agencies.

Goal 4

Goal 4: Title Improve Transportation Accessibility for Behavioral Health Clients
Goal 4: Target Completion Date Dec 01, 2027
Goal 4: Description Improve our local transportation system to ensure safe, timely, and convenient transportation options for behavioral health clients.
Goal 4: OASAS? Yes Goal 4: OMH? Yes Goal 4: OPWDD? Yes
Goal 4: Need Addressed 1 Transportation
Goal 4: Need Addressed 2
Goal 4: Need Addressed 3

Goal 4, Objective 1: Title Establish a Transportation Steering Committee
Goal 4, Objective 1, Target Completion Date Dec 01, 2024
Goal 4, Objective 1, Description Develop a Transportation Steering Committee consisting of local providers and consumer/stakeholders to identify gaps and overlaps in our current transportation system.



Office of Addiction
Services and Supports

Office of
Mental Health

Office for People With
Developmental Disabilities

2024 Needs Assessment Form Jefferson County Community Services

Crisis Services Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Housing Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Respite Yes

Applies to OASAS? No

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Transportation Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Workforce Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

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Need description (Optional):

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