



## Goals and Objectives 2024-2027 Greene County Mental Health

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### Goal 1

Goal 1: Title Increase access to safe, affordable, supportive, and workforce housing across all populations served.

Goal 1: Target Completion Date Jun 30, 2027

Goal 1: Description The Greene County CSB and LGU will continue to advocate at the local and state level for safe, affordable, supportive, and workforce housing. Additionally, the CSB and LGU will work with the Greene County Department of Social Services Commissioner and local government to ensure our homeless population struggling with mental health, SUD, and/or developmental delays are provided with in county, safe, and supervised temporary housing.

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

Goal 1: Need Addressed 1 Housing

Goal 1: Need Addressed 2 Workforce

Goal 1: Need Addressed 3

Goal 1, Objective 1: Title Homeless Shelter

Goal 1, Objective 1, Target Completion Date Jun 30, 2025

Goal 1, Objective 1, Description Advocate and collaborate with the Greene County Department of Social Services Commissioner and community agencies at the local government level in support of homeless shelter within the county that will provide a safe and supervised environment.

Goal 1, Objective 2: Title Residential Expansion

Goal 1, Objective 2, Target Completion Date Jun 30, 2026

Goal 1, Objective 2, Description Explore and engage with representatives from alternative residential options for those with SUD such sober living, faith based, and recovery residences in addition to continuing to advocate for and support the local OASAS certified women's residence expansion.

Goal 1, Objective 3: Title Mixed Housing

Goal 1, Objective 3, Target Completion Date Jun 30, 2027

Goal 1, Objective 3, Description Work with local nonprofit agencies and developers to expand mixed housing units that will provide additional levels of support for those individuals with mental health, SUD, or developmental delays while also providing affordable rents for working individuals.

### Goal 2

Goal 2: Title Expand Transportation Services

Goal 2: Target Completion Date Jun 30, 2025

Goal 2: Description The Greene County CSB and LGU will work with the Greene County Mobility Manager and other municipal agencies to improve and expand access to transportation across the county that will allow for individuals and families to access services within the county.

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

Goal 2: Need Addressed 1 Transportation

Goal 2: Need Addressed 2 Workforce

Goal 2: Need Addressed 3

Goal 2, Objective 1: Title Current Available Services

Goal 2, Objective 1, Target Completion Date Jun 30, 2025

Goal 2, Objective 1, Description Compile a complete and comprehensive listing of all available transportation provided by various agencies and municipalities within the county.

Goal 2, Objective 2: Title Identify Gaps

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

Goal 2, Objective 2, Description Survey and poll service recipients and community to identify gaps in transportation services based on age, need, and geographic location.

Goal 2, Objective 3: Title Community Knowledge

Goal 2, Objective 3, Target Completion Date Jun 30, 2025

Goal 2, Objective 3, Description Increase community knowledge of available transportation options through social media, radio, and other forms of communication.

### **Goal 3**

Goal 3: Title Workforce Recruitment and Retention

Goal 3: Target Completion Date Jun 30, 2026

Goal 3: Description The Greene County CSB and LGU will work with local governmental, non-profit, and for profit agencies to advocate for competitive wages across all systems, create flexibility, and hybrid work options when appropriate in order to attract and retain qualified staff.

Goal 3: OASAS? Yes Goal 3: OMH? Yes Goal 3: OPWDD? Yes

Goal 3: Need Addressed 1 Workforce

Goal 3: Need Addressed 2

Goal 3: Need Addressed 3

Goal 3, Objective 1: Title Wages

Goal 3, Objective 1, Target Completion Date Jun 30, 2026

Goal 3, Objective 1, Description Continue to advocate at the local, state and federal level for increased wages for all direct care staff.

Goal 3, Objective 2: Title Internship Opportunities

Goal 3, Objective 2, Target Completion Date Jun 30, 2026

Goal 3, Objective 2, Description Explore the expansion of internship opportunities in an effort to introduce individuals to various direct care careers across all systems.



# Update to 2024-2027 Goals and Objectives Greene County Mental Health

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<b>Goal 1</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Increase access to safe, affordable, supportive, and workforce housing across all populations served.
<b>Update</b>	<p>Progress in Residential Expansion has advanced with the Greene County Legislature signing a contract with Oxford House, a non-profit organization offering democratically run sober living options for individuals with substance use disorder (SUD). Looking ahead, the focus for the coming year includes hiring a case manager and acquiring a suitable home within Greene County.</p> <p>Gateway Hudson Valley, a non-profit social services agency based in neighboring Ulster County, has recently secured two Requests for Proposals (RFPs) totaling 13 supportive housing beds in Greene County. Among these, 5 beds are Certified Treatment Apartments providing short-term housing as a transitional step towards unlicensed supportive apartments, while 8 are Unlicensed Supportive Apartments, scattered site and single occupancy, designated for SMI Adults, with occupants contributing 30% of the rent cost.</p> <p>Additionally, Gateway has expressed interest in exploring the potential establishment of a mixed housing unit within Greene County.</p> <p>As efforts continue towards addressing the ongoing need for a Homeless Shelter, all viable opportunities will be actively pursued and advocated for.</p>
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	
Homeless Shelter	Ongoing
Residential Expansion	Ongoing
Mixed Housing	Ongoing
<b>OBJECTIVE UPDATES</b>	

<b>Goal 2</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Expand Transportation Services
<b>Update</b>	<p>Greene County Transit, managed by The Arc Mid-Hudson, has expanded certain routes, streamlined others, and introduced call-to-ride services. However, the Greene County Mobility Manager position is currently vacant.</p> <p>The Greener Pathways program, operated by Twin County Recovery Services, is now able to provide some non-medical transportation for individuals enrolled in or seeking prevention, treatment, harm reduction, or recovery services for substance use disorder (SUD).</p> <p>Information regarding new or enhanced transportation options is disseminated through social media channels and inter-agency communications.</p>
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	
Current Available Services	Ongoing
Identify Gaps	Ongoing
Community Knowledge	Ongoing
<b>OBJECTIVE UPDATES</b>	

<b>Goal 3</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Workforce Recruitment and Retention
<b>Update</b>	Greene County employees represented by the CSEA Union recently began a new contract featuring raises over the next 4 years, expected to bolster recruitment and retention within Greene County's Social Services, Mental Health, Public Health, and Human Services departments. The Greene County Mental Health Center, in collaboration with the County and CSEA Union, has implemented a career ladder for Mental Health Specialist employees, facilitating advancement opportunities commensurate with licensure levels. Additionally, the Mental Health Center has

	<p>introduced flexible and hybrid work schedules where appropriate.</p> <p>Local OPWDD-funded agencies participated in legislative days at the state capital to advocate for improved wages under the "Be Fair to Direct Care" initiative. Direct Support Professional recruitment campaigns are ongoing.</p> <p>Furthermore, Greene County Mental Health Center and local non-profit agencies continue to seek internship opportunities through the SUNY Albany School of Social Welfare and other higher education institutions. Local agencies remain proactive in seeking partnerships for internships in human services, social work, nursing, and nurse practitioner fields.</p>
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	
Wages	Ongoing
Internship Opportunities	Ongoing
<b>OBJECTIVE UPDATES</b>	



## 2024 Needs Assessment Form Greene County Mental Health

### **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):

### **Inpatient Treatment** 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? No

Need description (Optional): As stated in 2023, currently the Article 28 inpatient mental health unit located in Columbia County, serving Greene County only accepts adults ages 18 and up. There is no inpatient unit for children requiring psychiatric hospitalization within a 50 mile radius causing an undue burden to families and resulting in prolonged ER stays as bed availability continues to be extremely limited. Almost all area psychiatric inpatient units and ER's have been on diversion frequently since the COVID 19 Pandemic due to lack of staffing as well as increased number of individuals experiencing mental health crisis.

Greene County continues to have no inpatient detox or rehabilitation unit for SUD, requiring those who need this service to travel anywhere from 40 to 100+ miles to obtain this level of care.

Data from the New York State Department of Health Opioid Data Dashboard and County Opioid Quarterly Reports indicates that between 2014 and 2021, the average annual crude rate of overdose among upstate NY counties was 17.6/100,000. The average rate in Greene County for the same time period was about 1.5 times higher than the upstate average (25.5/100,000). 42 Greene County residents died of overdose between 2019 and 2021. 50% of those deaths occurred in 2021, alone. (Greene County Public Health Opioid Dashboard)

In 2021, the upstate NY crude rate of overdose was 23.5 and the rate in Greene County was 46.3, almost double the average of upstate NY counties. Greene County continued to rank higher than the rest of the state in 2019 and 2020 for opiate deaths, opiate related emergency department visits, newborns with Neonatal Withdrawal Syndrome, drug arrests for controlled substances (excluding marijuana), and alcohol related motor vehicle injuries and deaths, Cirrhosis mortality, age-adjusted adult binge drinking, and DWI arrests.

### **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? No

Need description (Optional): Greene County continues to be in dire need of adequate respite resources. Greene County currently has 8 children currently receiving respite services, and 9 on a wait list, which is improved slightly from 2023 with 21 on a waitlist for respite services. Females are reported to have longer wait times on the list due to females being unable to be paired with adult male respite workers. Staffing shortages have resulted in no overnight respite for children in Greene County and long wait lists often leading to increased strain on families and more hospitalizations as families are unable to manage behaviors in the home. As stated in 2023 this has been brought to the attention of OMH on numerous occasions with no action and little hope for change.

**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

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

Need description (Optional):

**LGU Representative:** Francesca Daisernia

**Submitted for:** Greene County Mental Health



## 2025 Needs Assessment Form Greene County Mental Health

### **Crisis Services** 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? No

Need description (Optional): After reviewing the Needs Assessment Survey, members of the Greene County Community Services Board, including the Mental Health and Addiction Services

Subcommittees, identified that the reported need for Crisis Services primarily stems from insufficient safe, affordable, and supportive housing options in Greene County, as well as delays in accessing necessary services due to workforce shortages.

### **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):

### **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

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

Need description (Optional):

**LGU Representative:** Jill Sirago

**Submitted for:** Greene County Mental Health

## Greene County Local Services Plan - OMH Program Providers

<u>AGENCY NAME</u>	<u>PROGRAM NAME</u>	<u>PROGRAM TYPE NAME</u>	<u>PROGRAM CODE</u>
Mental Health Association of Columbia- Greene Counties, Inc	Respite	Respite Care (Non-HCSBS Waiver)	0650
Mental Health Association of Columbia- Greene Counties, Inc	Peer Support Services / CFTSS	Family Support (C&Y)	1650
Mental Health Association of Columbia- Greene Counties, Inc	Apogee Center & Water Street Center	Advocacy Services	1760
Mental Health Association of Columbia- Greene Counties, Inc	Care Coordination	Non-Medicaid Health Homes	2620
Mental Health Association of Columbia- Greene Counties, Inc	Mobile Crisis Assessment Team	Crisis Intervention	2680
Mental Health Association of Columbia- Greene Counties, Inc	Care Coordination	Non-Medicaid Care Coordination	2620
Mental Health Association of Columbia- Greene Counties, Inc	Apogee Center & Water Street Center	Self Help Programs	2770
Mental Health Association of Columbia- Greene Counties, Inc	Philmont Hearth	MICA Network	5990
Mental Health Association of Columbia- Greene Counties, Inc	Residential Services - Licensed Community, Treatment & Supportive Housing	Support Housing Community Services	6060
Mental Health Association of Columbia- Greene Counties, Inc	Greene County PROS	Comprehensive PROS with Clinic	6340
Greene County Community Services Board	Family Peer Support Services	Family Peer Support Services C&F	1650
Greene County Community Services Board	Family Peer Support Services	CFTSS: Family Peer Support Services	4900
Greene County Community Services Board	Adult Health Home Care Coordination	Health Home Non-Medicaid Case Management	2620
Greene County Community Services Board	Greene County Mental Health Center	Coordinated Children's Service Initiative Outreach	2990
Greene County Community Services Board	Greene County Mental Health Center	Transition Management Services	0690
Greene County Community Services Board	Greene County Mental Health Center	MH Outpatient Treatment & Rehabilitative Svcs.	1970
Greene County Community Services Board	Health Home Care Management	Health Home Care Management	2730
Northeast Parent and Child Society	Overnight Respite	Respite Care (Non-HCBS Waiver)	0650
Hudson Valley National Center for Veteran Reintegration	Vet2Vet Dwyer Program	Dwyer Veteran P2P	1990 / 0690