



To: Child-serving Clinic (MHOTRS) Programs

From: New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH)

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Subject: Expanding School-Based Mental Health Clinics (SBMHCs): Start-up Funding

To support program expansion and account for initial implementation costs, Governor Kathy Hochul recently announced \$20 million in start-up funding for SBMHCs. **Starting October 6, 2023¹**, every newly licensed SBMHC will automatically be eligible for \$25,000 in one-time start-up funding. High-need schools (see appendix for full list), or those where more than 50% of students are classified as coming from an economically disadvantaged household, are eligible for an additional \$20,000.

To streamline processes and avoid a separate application process, providers will now receive an attestation with the Operating Certificate of a new SBMHC which must be completed and returned to OMH to initiate the issuance of funding.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants of start-up funding are not-for-profit organizations and local governmental entities (counties) with existing OMH-licensed MHOTRS/clinic programming serving children/adolescents. The clinic program must already be authorized to serve children/adolescents at the time of the application. Eligible sites for a school-based clinic includes:

- Pre-kindergarten through 12th grade (PK-12) public school, including charter schools,
- Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES),
- State-operated and State-supported school pursuant to articles 85, 87 and 88 of the Education Law,

¹ For agencies with an Operating Certificate effective on or after October 6, 2023, that did not receive an attestation for start-up funding, and meet eligibility criteria, OMH will be issuing an attestation to complete. If you do not receive an attestation and believe your satellite is eligible, contact OMH at omhchildclinics@omh.ny.gov.

- In-state private residential or nonresidential school for the education of students with disabilities approved pursuant to Article 89 of the Education Law or operating under Article 81 of the Education Law where mental health treatment and support is not a component of programming and the provision of mental health services are authorized pursuant to identified population in alignment with 8 NYCRR Part 599,
- State-administered Prekindergarten (PreK) program directly operated by a school district, BOCES, or an eligible agency, as defined in section 151-1.2(b) of Education Law, or operated by a school district in collaboration with an eligible agency,
- Preschool special education program approved pursuant to Education Law section 4410,
- Nonpublic pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and high school, that is voluntarily registered with the Board of Regents under section 8 NYCRR Part 100.2(p); or,
- Nonpublic school that is a religious or independent school located in NYS that provides elementary or secondary education.

Certain sites are excluded from this opportunity: sites that had already received funding under the Mental Health Block Grant School-Based Mental Health Clinic Services for Children/Youth Supporting Growth: Access and Capacity Enhancement Grant (December 2021), The School Based Mental Health Satellite Clinic Expansion RFA (August 2023), and sites proposed in The Expansion Opportunity for CCBHC Demonstration providers (August 2023) are not eligible for additional funding for that site.

If you have questions about this new process or your eligibility to receive this funding, please contact your Regional Field Office or omhchildclinics@omh.ny.gov.

Thank you for your continued efforts to support the children and families of New York State.

Appendix: High Needs Districts

Addison CSD
Adirondack CSD
Afton CSD
Albany City SD
Albion CSD
Altmar-Parish-Williamstown CSD
Amityville UFSD
Amsterdam City SD
Andover CSD
Auburn City SD
Ausable Valley CSD
Avoca CSD
Bainbridge-Guilford CSD
Batavia City SD
Bath CSD
Bay Shore UFSD
Belfast CSD
Belleville-Henderson CSD
Binghamton City SD
Bolivar-Richburg CSD
Boquet Valley CSD
Bradford CSD
Brasher Falls CSD
Brentwood UFSD
Brocton CSD
Brushton-Moira CSD
Buffalo City SD
Cairo-Durham CSD
Camden CSD
Campbell-Savona CSD
Canajoharie CSD
Candor CSD
Canisteo-Greenwood CSD
Cassadaga Valley CSD
Cato-Meridian CSD
Catskill CSD
Cattaraugus-Little Valley CSD
Central Islip UFSD
Central Valley CSD at Ilion-Mohawk
Charlotte Valley CSD
Chateaugay CSD
Cheektowaga CSD
Cheektowaga-Maryvale UFSD

Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD
Cincinnati CSD
Cleveland Hill UFSD
Clifton-Fine CSD
Clyde-Savannah CSD
Cohoes City SD
Copiague UFSD
Cortland City SD
Crown Point CSD
Cuba-Rushford CSD
Dalton-Nunda CSD (Keshequa)
Dansville CSD
Deposit CSD
Deruyter CSD
Dolgeville CSD
Dover UFSD
Dryden CSD
Dundee CSD
Dunkirk City SD
East Irondequoit CSD
East Ramapo CSD (Spring Valley)
East Rochester UFSD
Edinburg Common SD
Edwards-Knox CSD
Ellenville CSD
Elmira City SD
Elmira Heights CSD
Elmont UFSD
Evans-Brant CSD (Lake Shore)
Falconer CSD
Fallsburg CSD
Fillmore CSD
Fort Edward UFSD
Fort Plain CSD
Franklinville CSD
Freeport UFSD
Friendship CSD
Fulton City SD
Genesee Valley CSD
Geneva City SD
George Junior Republic UFSD
Gilbertsville-Mount Upton CSD
Glen Cove City SD

Glens Falls City SD
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Gloversville City SD
Gorham-Middlesex CSD (Marcus Whitman
Gouverneur CSD
Gowanda CSD
Greece CSD
Green Island UFSD
Greenburgh Eleven UFSD
Greene CSD
Greenport UFSD
Hammond CSD
Hammondsport CSD
Hampton Bays UFSD
Hancock CSD
Hannibal CSD
Harpursville CSD
Harrisville CSD
Haverstraw-Stony Point CSD (North Ro
Hempstead UFSD
Herkimer CSD
Hermon-Dekalb CSD
Hinsdale CSD
Holley CSD
Hoosick Falls CSD
Hornell City SD
Hudson City SD
Hunter-Tannersville CSD
Huntington UFSD
Hyde Park CSD
Indian River CSD
Jamestown City SD
Jasper-Troupsburg CSD
Jefferson CSD
Johnson City CSD
Johnstown City SD
Kendall CSD
Kingston City SD
Kiryas Joel Village UFSD
La Fargeville CSD
Lackawanna City SD
Lafayette CSD
Lansingburgh CSD
Laurens CSD
Lawrence UFSD
Liberty CSD
Little Falls City SD

Lockport City SD
Lyncourt UFSD
Lyndonville CSD
Lyons CSD
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Marathon CSD
Margaretville CSD
Marion CSD
Massena CSD
Medina CSD
Mexico CSD
Middletown City SD
Minerva CSD
Monticello CSD
Moravia CSD
Moriah CSD
Morristown CSD
Morrisville-Eaton CSD
Mt Morris CSD
Mt Pleasant-Cottage UFSD
Mt Vernon School District
Naples CSD
New Rochelle City SD
Newark CSD
Newburgh City SD
Newfield CSD
Niagara Falls City SD
North Rose-Wolcott CSD
Northeastern Clinton CSD
Northern Adirondack CSD
Norwich City SD
Norwood-Norfolk CSD
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NYC Geog Dist # 6 - Manhattan
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NYC Geog Dist #30 - Queens
NYC Geog Dist #31 - Staten Island
NYC Geog Dist #32 - Brooklyn
NYC Spec Schools - Dist 75
Oakfield-Alabama CSD
Odessa-Montour CSD
Olean City SD
Oneida City SD
Onondaga CSD
Ossining UFSD
Oswego City SD
Otselic Valley CSD
Oxford Academy & CSD
Patchogue-Medford UFSD
Peekskill City SD
Penn Yan CSD
Perry CSD
Phoenix CSD
Pine Bush CSD
Pine Valley CSD (South Dayton)
Port Chester-Rye UFSD
Port Jervis City SD
Poughkeepsie City SD
Prattsburgh CSD
Putnam CSD
Randolph CSD
Red Creek CSD
Remsen CSD
Rensselaer City SD
Richfield Springs CSD
Ripley CSD
Riverhead CSD

Rochester City SD
Rome City SD
Romulus CSD
Roosevelt UFSD
Salamanca City SD
Salmon River CSD
Sandy Creek CSD
Schenectady City SD
Schenevus CSD
Schoharie CSD
Schroon Lake CSD
Scio CSD
Seneca Falls CSD
Sharon Springs CSD
Sherman CSD
Sidney CSD
Silver Creek CSD
Sodus CSD
Solvay UFSD
South Country CSD
South Huntington UFSD
South Lewis CSD
South Seneca CSD
Spencer-Van Etten CSD
St Regis Falls CSD
Stamford CSD
Stockbridge Valley CSD
Syracuse City SD
Taconic Hills CSD
Ticonderoga CSD
Tioga CSD
Tonawanda City SD
Tri-Valley CSD
Troy City SD
Tuckahoe Comn SD
UFSD-Tarrytowns
Uniondale UFSD
Union-Endicott CSD
Utica City SD
Valley Stream 30 UFSD
Van Hornesville-Owen D Young CSD
Warrensburg CSD
Warsaw CSD
Waterloo CSD
Watertown City SD
Watervliet City SD
Watkins Glen CSD

Waverly CSD
Wayland-Cohocton CSD
Wellsville CSD
West Hempstead UFSD
West Valley CSD
Westfield CSD
Wheelerville UFSD
White Plains City SD
Whitehall CSD

Whitesville CSD
Whitney Point CSD
William Floyd UFSD
Williamson CSD
Willsboro CSD
Windsor CSD
Wyandanch UFSD
Yonkers City SD
Yorkshire-Pioneer CSD

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