



Goals and Objectives 2024-2027 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.



Update to 2024-2027 Goals and Objectives Jefferson County Community Services

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Goal 1	
Title	Increase Housing Opportunities
Update	Jefferson Co continues to experience an increasing homeless population. Unfortunately our low barrier emergency housing project has stalled due to an inability to secure enough operational funding. We are continuing to explore other options. Fortunately, there are currently two ESHI projects in the works.
OBJECTIVES	
Establish low/no barrier housing options for our street homeless population	Ongoing
Add Supportive/Transitional housing units.	Ongoing
Partner with Dept Social Services to assist with housing planning	Ongoing
Explore Respite Opportunities for Dually Diagnosed Community Members (OPWDD/OMH)	Ongoing
OBJECTIVE UPDATES	

Goal 2	
Title	Enhance Crisis Services
Update	Jefferson County has contracted with a third party entity to design a comprehensive mobile crisis system using funding provided by OMH for start up costs. First Responders continue to be engaged by our behavioral health community to provide additional training opportunities.
OBJECTIVES	
Explore crisis response models for Jefferson County	Ongoing
Create a plan that outlines future crisis services	Ongoing
Ensure First Responders are adequately trained for crisis response	Ongoing
OBJECTIVE UPDATES	

Goal 3	
Title	Increase Available Workforce
Update	Jefferson Co continues to struggle with maintaining an adequate workforce. The issue spans the continuum from entry level/direct service providers to physicians and physician extenders. We have begun to more readily share intern opportunities which has helped increase our intern placements.
OBJECTIVES	
Develop an educational pathway for direct care staff	Ongoing
Establish a Direct Care Staff Credential	Ongoing
Improve Perception of Behavioral Health Employment	Ongoing

Develop an Intern Clearinghouse	Ongoing
OBJECTIVE UPDATES	

Goal 4	
Title	Improve Transportation Accessibility for Behavioral Health Clients
Update	There is an existing transportation committee that has been working on establishing a county wide bus system that will connect to already the existing Watertown City Bus system.
OBJECTIVES	
Establish a Transportation Steering Committee	["]
OBJECTIVE UPDATES	



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

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Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

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Need description (Optional):

Respite Yes

Applies to OASAS? No

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

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Need description (Optional):

Transportation 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):

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: Timothy Ruetten

Submitted for: Jefferson County Community Services



2025 Needs Assessment Form Jefferson County Community Services

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Jefferson County OMH Programs

Northern Regional Center for Independent Living

Mental Health Peer Advocacy

Family Peer Support

Mental Health Community Partners

Samaritan Medical Center

IMHU- 34 bed inpatient mental health 830 Washington St

OPBH- main site, 1575 Washington St

SFH (Samaritan Family Health Center) Adams BH- satellite

SFH Plaza- satellite

SFH Leray BH- satellite

Children's Home of Jefferson County

Children's Home Prevention Program

Crisis Response

Non-Medicaid Care Coordination

Therapeutic Crisis Respite Program

Family-Based Respite

Case Management

SPOA/C-SPOA

Outpatient Clinic

CORE

CFTSS

HBCI

589 (Youth Crisis Respite)

Carthage Area Hospital

Outpatient Clinic

Mental Health Association in Jefferson County

Drop in Center

Psychosocial Bridges

Respite

PFC Dwyer P2P

Thrive (formerly Credo/TLS)

Adult Community Residences

Apartment Program

Children and Youth Program

Supportive Housing

Adult Specialty Case Management
with HH+

Childrens Health Home Case
Management

Non Medicaid Care Coordination

Article 31 MHOTRS Clinic

CFTSS Psychosocial Rehabilitation

HCBS Respite

The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence

0380 – TEP Transitional Employment Placement

ACE - Placement Services

On-going extended- Adult BH HARP Services:

858- Pre-vocational Services

959- Transitional employment

860- Intensive supportive employment

861- On-going supported employment

River Hospital Community Wellness Program

Outpatient clinic