

**KATHY HOCHUL**  
Governor

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Dear Colleagues:

As part of a commitment to addressing youth mental health statewide, Governor Kathy Hochul has allocated the resources needed for providers to establish an Office of Mental Health-supported mental health clinic satellite at all willing schools. This partnership between educators and mental health providers can have overwhelmingly positive results for student mental health. School-based mental health care helps to reduce the stigma, increase access, and can provide other benefits for the school community, such as improving academic performance for students who tap this support.

OMH licenses mental health clinics in the community. School-based mental health clinics are satellite sites, or extensions of the main community-based clinic. The satellites are established and operated without costs to the school district. Clinic satellites are established in partnership with the school, with operations tailored to match the needs of the students and families. For more information about satellite operations and funding, please [visit our website](#) on this program.

**Expanding School-Based Mental Health Clinic Programs**

This year, Governor Kathy Hochul allocated \$20 million in start-up funding for clinic satellites. OMH clinic providers partnering with schools to establish these satellites receive \$25,000 in start-up funding, which will provide the fiscal resources necessary to establish the new school-based site. OMH providers partnering with high-need schools – those where more than 50 percent of students are classified as coming from an economically-disadvantaged household – are eligible for an additional \$20,000. Funding is issued directly to the clinic provider agency and will supplement existing funding a clinic receives to offer mental health services.

**How to get a Clinic Satellite Program in Your School**

Schools that are interested in partnering with an OMH clinic provider to establish a school-based mental health clinic can reach out to directly to eligible OMH clinic providers or to OMH to get started. If you already know the provider agencies with child/adolescent-serving clinic programs within your district, you can contact them to explore a potential partnership. If you need assistance with locating a clinic, please this [Searchable Directory of all OMH Licensed Programs](#) by county.

Office of Mental Health staff can also assist in connecting schools directly to local programs interested in establishing clinic satellites via its regional field offices:

Central New York Field Office	Counties: Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Clinton, Cortland, Delaware, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, Otsego, St. Lawrence.	(315) 426-3930
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Hudson River Field Office	Counties: Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Sullivan, Ulster, Warren, Washington, Westchester	(845) 454-8229
Long Island Field Office	Counties: Nassau, Suffolk	(631) 761-2508
Western New York Field Office	Counties: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, Wayne, Wyoming, Yates	(716) 533-4075
New York City Field Office	Counties: Bronx, Kings, New York (Manhattan), Queens, Richmond (Staten Island)	(212) 330-1650

Research shows that establishing comprehensive school-based mental health services and supports can help students with mental health challenges through targeted interventions, access care in a stigma-free environment and achieve better social emotional health.

This funding initiative underscores our commitment to fostering equitable access to mental health services for all students, a key priority of the Office of Mental Health. By prioritizing student well-being, we aim to create an inclusive educational environment that empowers every learner to thrive.

For additional questions, please contact [omhchildclinics@omh.ny.gov](mailto:omhchildclinics@omh.ny.gov).

Sincerely,



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