NYS System of Care Monthly Update October 2026

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) began in 1987, with Congress officially designating October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in 1989. DVAM provides an opportunity for everyone to learn about the prevalence and impacts of domestic violence, while coming together to show victims and survivors they are not alone. New York is a national leader in providing survivor-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive programs and services to help prevent and combat domestic violence. This DVAM, we invite you to be an ally and help us spread the word!

FOR EVERYONE: Key resources are available through OPDV's website. Advocates are standing by to give confidential support, 24/7 in most languages. **Call 800-942-6906, Text 844-997-2121** or click to chat.

FOR PROVIDERS: OPDV regularly rotates through a variety of free open registration trainings for professionals and the general public to help them understand domestic, sexual, and gender-based violence in a way that is survivor-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive. These trainings may be offered live in-person, live virtually, or recorded online. See what scheduled opportunities are available and open for registration!

Children's System Support Unit Updates

System of Care

System of Care County Collaborative

The next System of Care County Collaborative will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, from **1:00 – 2:00pm**.

We are so excited to share that we will have Jill Gomez from the Poughkeepsie Children's Cabinet and Katie Castell, ECCSI Coordinator for Dutchess County, to share their experience in integrating the System of Care framework into the work they do. Please join us!

Who Should Attend? Leaders and partners in local System of Care implementation are interested in sharing and learning about other counties' successes and engaging in peer problem-solving with local challenges.

No invitation needed but if you want to receive calendar invites for these sessions, please email **SOC.TeamSharedMailbox@omh.ny.gov**.

Other Updates of Interest

Resource Spotlight:

H.R. 1 Toolkit

STAY INFORMED:

New York State of Health has developed a toolkit to ensure accessible communication about changes to Medicaid. The sweeping changes contained in the federal H.R.1 legislation represent more than just policy adjustments — they present substantial challenges to the health care infrastructure that millions of New Yorkers rely on for their well-being. In an effort to minimize the number of New Yorkers at risk of losing their health coverage, New York State is working with partners and stakeholders to inform New Yorkers about changes that are coming and what they need to do.

Read our Quick Guide to learn about the Stay Covered campaign and how you can help.

We will keep this tool kit updated with the latest news, resources and available tools.

Sign up for our monthly email newsletter where we will announce updates to H.R.1 implementation.

Resource Spotlight:

Lunch & Learn Series

Families Together in New York State launched a new statewide Lunch & Learn series for providers working with children, youth, and families.

Each session will be led by Families Together staff, bringing their own expertise, experience, and perspective to the conversation. The format will be relaxed and interactive, but each session will have a clear focus, **teaching, practical strategies, and five key takeaways** to bring back to your work. You only need to register once for the whole series

All sessions are free, virtual, and open to providers working with children, youth, and families.

UPCOMING PROVIDER LUNCH & LEARN: THE 5 THINGS SERIES

Register here.

Resource Spotlight:
October Project TEACH Trainings:

Project TEACH (Parent and Infant/Child/Adolescent Psychiatry Access Program), funded by the New York State (NYS) Office of Mental Health (OMH), has announced its Fall 2026 lineup of live, in-person, and virtual

training opportunities. These evidence-based programs are designed to support NYS clinicians in assessing, treating, and managing mild-to-moderate mental health concerns in pediatric and perinatal patients.

- *Identifying and Responding to Intimate Partner Violence Among Perinatal Individuals*:
  October 14th, 2026 from 12 PM - 1 PM via Zoom. Register here.

- *Intensive Training: Child & Adolescent Mental Health for Primary Care Clinicians*
  October 18th and October 19th, 2026 from 8 AM - 5 PM via Zoom. Register here.

  This program will enhance a healthcare provider's skills to assess, treat and manage mental health concerns in child and adolescent patients. The focus is to provide helpful tools and strategies for primary care clinicians who are treating pediatric patients and their families. This event offers presentations by Project TEACH's expert team of child and adolescent psychiatrists along with primary care clinicians. 15 CME credits will be available to those who attend both days of training.

Deputy Commissioners' Corner

Commissioner Rosa: Welcome Back to School 2026

Welcome back to school! Watch Commissioner Betty A. Rosa's video message to educators, students, and families.

NY Inspires: Transforming Education, Empowering Futures

At the June 2026 New York State Board of Regents meeting, the Board and the State Education Department (NYSED) shared the next phase of the NY Inspires initiative, a significant step toward transforming P-12 public education in New York. NY Inspires is focused on making learning more meaningful for students and offering them different ways to show they are ready to move forward.

This work shifts the focus away from measuring learning by time spent in a classroom and instead emphasizes what students truly know and can do. It also includes rethinking graduation requirements so they better reflect real readiness for college, careers, and the many paths students may choose after high school.

I recognize that this is a big change, and it's made possible through your partnership and support. Families play a vital role in encouraging students, celebrating their growth, and helping them achieve success.

Senior Deputy Commissioner Jeff Matteson and I share more in this video, including what this means for students, families, and educators. Please take a few minutes to watch.

Congratulations to the Class of 2026. Your encouragement and support have helped make their accomplishments possible.

Sincerely,

Betty A. Rosa

Commissioner

Deputy Commissioners' Workgroup Membership: CCF (Vanessa Threatte, Elana Marton, Chris Tosado, Kristin Weller, Ehasuyi Gomes, Brenda Lincoln, Yan Wu, Patricia Persell, Meghan Glass), CDD (Kristin Proud, Jennifer Goldman), DCJS (Tom Andriola, Damon Bacote), DOH (April Hamilton, Myla Harrison, Colette Poulin, Bianca Sanders, Kirsten Siegenthaler), DOL (Dana Politis), DOS (Cynthia Stewart), Justice Center (Serena Sturman-Pupons), OASAS (Bridget Hartman-DeCenzo, Patricia Zuber-Wilson, Esteban Ramos, Pat Lincourt, Maria Morris Groves, Sam Kawola), OCFS (Gail Geohagen-Pratt, Jason DeSantis, Kennetha Glover, Rosemarie Postighone, Marla Smith, Kim Dwyer, Nina

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Useful Links and Tools

Go here to view our ***downloadable*** running list of NYS SOC Useful Links and Tools! This document will be updated as new resources are found. Pay notice to the "Last Updated On" date at the bottom of the document to assure you have the most current list of useful links and tools.

Funding Opportunity

Looking for funding check the OMH procurement page (https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/rfp/) frequently**.**

OMH Funding Opportunity: *Health-led Community Behavioral Health Crisis Response Pilots Round 2*
The Office of Mental Health announces funding for the expansion and/or creation of community behavioral health crisis response pilot programs. The programs must be consistent with the Daniel's Law Task Force Behavioral Health Crisis Response Program. This procurement seeks to establish four (4) pilot programs, including at least one (1) in a rural area.

Please see the RFP document for full details and funding information:
https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/rfp/2026/hcbhcrpr2/hlcr_rfp_final.pdf

Organizations whose work aligns with SOC Work!

Have you signed up for these Listservs/Newsletters?

ACT for Youth	OMH NYS Trauma-Informed Network Resource Center
Behavioral Health News (BHN)	PeerTAC
Center for Practice Innovations	Project TEACH
Child Mind Institute	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
Collective Impact Forum	The Community Technical Assistance Center of New York (CTAC)
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)	The Evidence-Based Treatment Dissemination Center (EBTDC)
National Training & Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC)	The Managed Care Technical Assistance Center of New York (MCTAC)
National Wraparound Initiative (NWI)	The National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP)
NY Health Home Coalition	UCONN School of Social Work TA TELEGRAM
NYS DOH Health Homes	

NYS SOC Links to Highlight

Keep up to date on all things NYS SOC by visiting our website!

Be sure to bookmark us while you're there!

Did you miss a SOC Newsletter?

Go here to access our archive of past NYS Systems of Care monthly Newsletters.

SPARK!

SPARK some thoughts, conversations, and initiatives using the newest addition to SOC content, the SPARK e-mails! The purpose of these e-mails is to provide a tool and/or resource that is intended to *spark* an idea to

assist local teams in further implementing the Systems of Care framework. Go here to see the monthly SPARK archive.

Subscribe to (or unsubscribe from) the NYS Systems of Care Listserv by emailing SOC.TeamSharedMailbox@omh.ny.gov.