

SERVICES AND COMMUNITY NEED

An innovative approach to a growing community need



“The mental health of kids in our community has reached a crisis point. 20% of kids in mental health crisis will never receive treatment. We need to and have to do better. AccessCNY’s new Children’s Mental Health Center will help meet this need and continue our legacy of being responsive to the unmet needs of our community.”

-Paul Joslyn, Executive Director

Services and Eligibility

The Children’s Mental Health Center will serve kids in mental health recovery who need additional residential support. The home will:

- Serve 8 kids between the ages of 11-17 each with their own individual bedrooms
- Include 24/7 staffing with: social workers, behavior specialist, peer advocates and nurses
- Support kids for up to 120 days after a hospitalization due to their mental health
- Provide intensive case management to connect kids and families to wraparound services
- Connect kids to their school districts to continue the child’s education
- Work with kids from Onondaga, Oswego, Cayuga, Cortland and Madison counties

CNY’S MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

Across the region Central New York children are struggling with their mental health:

- Onondaga County has a suicide rate 30% higher than the state average
- 15% of Central New Yorkers report more than 14 poor mental health days a month
- People with disabilities are 4x more likely to have a mental health diagnosis