State Mental Health Profile 2019: Illinois

Mental Health Infrastructure

Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Mental health (DMH) funds and operates seven state mental health hospitals and one treatment detention facility. DMH also has a statutory mandate to plan, fund, and monitor community-based mental health services. Through collaborative and interdependent relationships with service system partners, the Division is responsible for maintaining and improving an evidence-based, community-focused, and outcome-validated mental health service system.

Illinois is broken down in to five DHS regions, and DMH contracts with approximately 204 community mental health agencies throughout these regions to provide community-based services. These contracted organizations provide mental health services funded principally under the Medicaid Rehabilitation Option, but Some services are also funded through a capacity grant mechanism.

At the Local Level there are 102 Illinois counties; 55 counties have a "708 Board" governed by the Illinois Community Mental Health Act and boards are appointed by the local governmental units. Ultimately boards are accountable at the local level for funding, planning, and delivery of Behavioral Health Services.

The Screening, Assessment, and Support Services (SASS) initiative is a cooperative partnership between the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) and the Department of Human Services (DHS) created a single, statewide system to serve children experiencing a mental health crisis whose care will require public funding from one of the three agencies. The Children's Crisis Service System known as SASS (Screening Assessment and Stabilization Services) is comprised of 61 Local Area Networks (LANs) served by approximately 40 providers covering all 102 counties. Now referred to as Mobile Crisis Response/Crisis Stabilization, the 40 providers who primarily served youth in Crisis now also serve adults in crisis.

Unlike the trend in other states, under the Illinois DHS there is the Division of Mental Health and the Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery (DSUPR). DSUPR has a statutory mandate to plan, fund, license, and monitor community-based SUD prevention treatment and recovery support providers.

With the expansion of Medicaid in Illinois, community behavioral health treatment providers have seen a significant rise in the number of individuals eligible for Medicaid as well as several reiterations of Medicaid Managed Care. With a larger number of individuals being Medicaid eligible, there are very few providers today that are not Medicaid Certified.

Today, Illinois' Medicaid Authority, Healthcare and Family Services in collaboration with DHS has sole authority over Medicaid Managed care and payment of all Medicaid Eligible Medical and Behavioral Health services. Which Includes the Implementation of Illinois' 1115 waiver, New Medicaid eligible Provider types, Behavioral Health Clinics (BHC), Individual Practitioners (IP), and Integrated Health Homes (IHH).

Illinois is constantly evolving as we seek to expand access to Mental Health services and address cross system issues of Co-occurring disorders, housings, employment and other social emotional factors.

Planning

Illinois Mental Health Strategic Plan 2013-2018

2018-2019 Block Grant Application

Funding

Formula Funding

CMHS Block Grant	\$ 24,824,212
PATH	\$ 2,635,991

MH State Funds

Community Mental Health	\$152,628,857
State Operated Hospitals	\$226,139,700
Medicaid	\$238,717,430

Other Federal Funds

Mental Health	\$ 6.696.154

Total Funding

Total All Funds	\$651,642,344
Total Other	\$ 6,696,154
Total State	\$617,485,987
Total Formula	\$ 27,460,203

Major Conferences

Illinois Association for Behavioral Health Annual Conference in Collaboration with the Missouri Coalition for Community Behavioral Healthcare

October 22-25, 2019

St. Louis, MO

Registration: Click Here