

## Adult Single Point of Access and Accountability (SPOA/A):

The Adult Single Point of Access and Accountability (ASPOAA) provides timely access to Health Home Care Management (HHCM), Intensive Case Management (ICM) and Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), and/or housing services and supports for adults with severe and persistent mental illness. Care management and residential services are intended for individuals who are at high risk or are unable to maintain community based linkages and supports, such as: psychiatric treatment and medication management, medical treatment, housing and housing crisis management, substance abuse treatment and financial, social and legal assistance.

An integrated ASPOAA (including care management and housing) improves access, fosters early engagement, and provides priority services to those at high risk. This includes individuals who are transitioning from institutional settings back into the community (i.e. hospitalization or incarceration) and have a history of or are at high risk of future system involvement (i.e. psychiatric or medical ER visits or hospitalization, homelessness or incarceration). The goal of ASPOAA is to link individuals to the most appropriate services and monitor their progress toward the best possible outcome.

## Children & Youth Single Point of Access (CSPOA):

The role of the Children & Youth SPOA is to manage and oversee services for youth with serious emotional and behavioral issues that impact their ability to function successfully in home, school, and/or community. Services are coordinated for children and their families based on the level of risk presented as well as their identified needs and strengths. The SPOA process is respectful of family voice and choice and employs a family peer advocate with lived experience to outreach to all of the families referred. We work closely with our community partners, including the Depts. of Social Services and Probation, to ensure communication and collaboration between agencies and systems.

A child must have a mental health diagnosis and have exhausted community-based services (ex. counseling) and be at risk of out-of-home placement to access the most intensive levels of intervention.

## Boards and Subcommittees:

Several opportunities exist on various committees and subcommittees. Please contact our office if you are interested in becoming a member.

- ⇒ Community Services Board
- ⇒ Mental Health
- ⇒ SPOA (Single Point of Access)
- ⇒ CSPOA (Child Single Point of Access)
- ⇒ AOD (Alcohol and Other Drugs)
- ⇒ 9.41 (Emergency Admissions)
- ⇒ Developmental Disabilities

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*If you have a Mental Health  
crisis or emergency call the  
Mobile Crisis Assessment Team  
(MCAT) at 315-732-6228*

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## DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

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*Planning, monitoring and reviewing of  
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## **Department of Mental Health:**

The Oneida County Department of Mental Health is dedicated to being a leader in the areas of Mental Health, Substance Abuse Recovery, and Developmental Disabilities. You will find our Mission Statement below that encompasses our goals and objectives to ensure that we remain community oriented while coordinating initiatives that deliver quality programs, enhancing your quality of life.

The Department of Mental Health provides oversight to the planning, monitoring and reviewing of services for individuals with mental illness, addiction, and developmental disabilities. Through State Aid Funding, the county is able to contract with community agencies that provide the best care and services possible. While navigating this brochure, you will find programs and services specific to your individualized need.

We find that the most difficult barrier to services is getting started:

***“Who do I call?”***

***“How do I know what services will benefit me?”***

***“What services are out there?”***

***“Where do I look for care/services that I need?”***

Getting the help you need in a way that allows you to remain in control of your future is the first step.

### ***Our Mission Statement:***

Oneida County Department of Mental Health promotes the quality of life and emotional well-being of people experiencing psychological, developmental or addictive difficulties by advocating, encouraging, and coordinating innovative, barrier free delivery of responsive, community based services in a dignified and respectful manner.

## **Medication Grant:**

The Medication Grant Program was developed as part of the overall Kendra’s Law Package of mental health reforms. This county-run program is for individuals who are discharged from hospitals or released from jails and prisons that require medications to treat mental illness while they await their Medicaid eligibility determination. The Medication Grant Card allows them to obtain their prescriptions at no cost ensuring medication compliance.

### ***How does the program work?***

An individual with mental illness must be eligible for and apply for Medicaid prior to or within seven days of release or discharge from jail, prison or a hospital. The Medication Grant Card will be issued by the institution of release acting as the designated proxy for the Department of Mental Hygiene or directly by the Department of Mental Hygiene. This card allows an individual to receive medications related to their mental illness at no extra charge and can be used at any of the 3,700 participating pharmacies across the state.

### ***Who determines eligibility for the Medication Grant Program?***

Individuals who qualify for this program are those eligible to receive Medicaid and are released from jails, prisons or hospitals and require medications to treat mental illness. Medicaid applications and Medication Grant applications are sent to the Department of Social Services – Medicaid Division to determine their Medicaid eligibility. The Medication Grant cards are accepted until the individual is enrolled in Medicaid or it is determined the individual is not eligible for Medicaid.



***Call your local Department of Mental Health if you have any questions regarding this or any program offered.***

***315-768-3660***

## **Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services:**

The Oneida County Department of Mental Health continues to take a leadership role in the planning and development of alcohol and substance abuse services in Oneida County. The Department is responsible for the coordination and planning for alcohol and substance abuse services for the county.

This responsibility is facilitated through the Community Services Board via the Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Subcommittee. Meeting on a monthly schedule, the Subcommittee consistently reviews the service needs and gaps in Oneida County in relation to the service needs of the residents of Oneida County. The Subcommittee also uses this monthly meeting time as an opportunity to provide information, education and update the providers of the community on the many issues involved with the provision of treatment.

### ***Helpful Links***

- ⇒ ***<https://www.oasas.ny.gov/>***
- ⇒ ***<http://www.samhsa.gov/>***
- ⇒ ***<https://www.omh.ny.gov/>***
- ⇒ ***<https://opwdd.ny.gov/>***
- ⇒ ***<http://www.samhsa.gov/>***
- ⇒ ***<http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/>***