



Alternative Community Resources Program

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## MHSN Coalition Urges General Assembly to Support Funding County-Based Mental Health Services

As budget negotiations continue, RCPA and the Mental Health Safety Net Coalition urge the PA General Assembly to support funding for County-Based Mental Health programming.

Despite a \$40 million investment by Governor Shapiro and the General Assembly over the first two years of this administration, County mental health services continue to erode, resulting in more individuals in the community being at risk of losing services and supports.

These programs cannot be funded through public or private insurances, leaving County mental health funds as the only funding stream permitted to provide mental health residential programs in the community. Counties are seeking a targeted state investment of **\$40 million** to help address a growing demand for behavioral health services; expand access to community-based care; and sustain critical local crisis response infrastructure.

The funding request includes:

- **\$20 million in County mental health base funding** to support community-based mental health services; and
- **\$20 million dedicated to County mental health crisis services** to support crisis infrastructure, including mobile crisis teams, crisis walk-in centers, and other local crisis response services.

This funding will help respond to increased service demands and recognize our County-based system's role as the provider of last resort. These funds are utilized for multiple mental health services for adults and children, serving underinsured and uninsured Pennsylvanians. With upcoming changes to Medicaid, the number of underinsured/uninsured individuals will only increase. Counties will need these crucial base funds to continue to provide services.

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Services**  
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This investment would help counties stabilize and expand services, improve timely access to care, and ensure individuals receive support in the least restrictive and most appropriate setting. County-operated crisis services not only save lives but also reduce reliance on costlier systems, including emergency departments, law enforcement, and inpatient treatment facilities.

Please [contact Emma Sharp](#) with any questions.

Sincerely,

The Mental Health Safety Net Coalition