



# Broome County Mental Health Department

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**Our mission** is the development and provision of the highest quality services possible to individuals and families within Broome County who are in need of services for mental illness or substance abuse. The Broome County Mental Health Department strives to ensure that the services provided reflect the current community need for both type and capacity of service.

The Broome County Mental Health Department works with other service providers at the local and state level to develop community preventive, rehabilitative, and treatment services offering a continuum of care, to improve and expand existing services, and to plan for the integration and coordination of services. The total community need is considered, reflecting the full range of individual need and circumstance, to ensure adequate access to service for the community, and specifically including those who otherwise would not have access to such services.

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## **Administration**

– 6th floor, 229-231 State Street, Binghamton, NY 13901 - 778-2351

## **Clinic**

– 4th floor, 229-231 State Street, Binghamton, NY 13901 - 778-1152

Hours: Tuesday–Thursday 8:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.; Monday and Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

An interdisciplinary team offers services to adolescent and adult residents of Broome County for a wide range of emotional/mental difficulties. Treatment is voluntary and available to anyone with a mental health diagnosis. Referrals accepted are from other mental health service providers, self-referrals, and other social agencies. The referral process begins with a call to the Clinic when individuals are then given an appointment for an initial evaluation.

## **Chemical Dependency Services Unit**

– 36-42 Main Street, Binghamton, NY 13905 - 778-1251

## **Families First**

– 6th floor, 229-231 State Street, Binghamton, NY 13901 - 778-3080

Hours: Sunday – Saturday 24 hour availability

A cooperative effort between the Broome County Departments of Mental Health and Social Services to assist families at risk of having children placed out of the home. It is based on the “Homebuilders” model of family preservation. Clinical and supportive services (including intensive, concrete, and highly individualized services) are provided in

partnership with the families involved in the program. In-home therapists provide daily contact with the families for approximately six weeks. Access to the program is through the Department of Social Services. Cases are reviewed for appropriateness and are accepted or rejected depending upon program openings. No referral packet is required; there is no waiting list.

### **Forensic Services**

– 5<sup>th</sup> Floor; 229-231 State Street, Binghamton, NY 13901 - 778-2126  
Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Forensic Services provides evaluations for the civil, family, and criminal court systems, which include competency, and dangerousness evaluations and need for commitment. An important function of the staff is to act as a liaison between Broome County Community Mental Health Services, law enforcement agencies, and the judicial system.

### **MICA ICM Program**

– 5<sup>th</sup> Floor; 229-231 State Street, Binghamton, NY 13901 - 778-1155  
Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

The mission is to provide the most supportive and the highest quality personal care to the MICA (mentally ill and chemically abusive) population of Broome County. The MICA ICM staff provide: a team approach to services; linkage to appropriate agencies; advocacy for the client; transportation to appointments; supportive counseling; education; relapse prevention services; activities of daily living assistance; and a support group for clients.

### **Vocational Initiatives Program / Employment Retention & Advancement**

– 6th floor, 229-231 State Street, Binghamton, NY 13901 - 778-3073  
Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Provides vocational case management/vocational services coordination for recipients of mental health services who are interested in pursuing competitive employment. These services are individualized and defined to assist individuals to identify their needs, strengths, and barriers to employment and to help them to access other resources and supports they might need to successfully obtain and maintain employment.