



Office of Addiction
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Goals and Objectives 2024-2027 Montgomery County Mental Health Department

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Goal 1

Goal 1: Title Develop a comprehensive crisis response team

Goal 1: Target Completion Date Dec 31, 2024

Goal 1: Description The team would consist of professionals and law enforcement dual trained in MH and SUD response. Most MH calls we see involve SUD on part of the patient and or family members involved. We would use the CIT model with an expansion to SUD related trainings. Further, providing officers and community based organizations with access to OPWDD trained professionals that can work with behaviors from residents living in OPWDD licensed community residents.

Goal 1: OASAS? Yes Goal 1: OMH? Yes Goal 1: OPWDD? Yes

Goal 1: Need Addressed 1 Crisis Services

Goal 1: Need Addressed 2 Non-Clinical supports

Goal 1: Need Addressed 3 Cross System Services

Goal 2

Goal 2: Title Implement Youth ACT

Goal 2: Target Completion Date Dec 31, 2024

Goal 2: Description Youth ACT has been awarded to Montgomery County however we are struggling to get State sign off and required certification of the program due to long wait times with NYS OMH.

Goal 2: OASAS? No Goal 2: OMH? Yes Goal 2: OPWDD? No

Goal 2: Need Addressed 1 Other

Goal 2: Need Addressed 2

Goal 2: Need Addressed 3

Goal 3

Goal 3: Title Evaluate needs for same day walk in crisis services

Goal 3: Target Completion Date Dec 31, 2024

Goal 3: Description Until recently, MC had a robust Open Access Center that was fully staffed and running at capacity. This allowed patients in need to seek, access and engage in same day services without having to wait weeks for out patient treatment. the goal of the center was to deter patients from unwarranted ER visits. The program was working well until staff left and the program was not able to sustain due to low reimbursement rates, and much of the work being considered "non-billable." time.

Goal 3: OASAS? No Goal 3: OMH? Yes Goal 3: OPWDD? Yes

Goal 3: Need Addressed 1 Crisis Services

Goal 3: Need Addressed 2 Workforce

Goal 3: Need Addressed 3 Other



Update to 2024-2027 Goals and Objectives Montgomery County Mental Health Department

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Goal 1

Title	Develop a comprehensive crisis response team
Update	Montgomery County partnered with our Sheriff's Office and Amsterdam Police Department to train 15 new officers in CIT and SUD harm reduction. The officers have also been given Mental Health First Aid training and we have decided to meet 2 times a year as part of our Incident Management Team to work on arising issues and discuss high needs for MH and SUD.
OBJECTIVES	
OBJECTIVE UPDATES	

Goal 2

Title	Implement Youth ACT
Update	Our Youth ACT is up and running and has been successful in making connections to the community and working with hard to engage children and families.
OBJECTIVES	
OBJECTIVE UPDATES	
Integrate family based interventions and supports to compliment Youth ACT	

Goal 3

Title	Evaluate needs for same day walk in crisis services
Update	Open Access is open however due to funding the hours have not been able to be increased.
OBJECTIVES	
OBJECTIVE UPDATES	



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2026 Update to 2024-2027 Goals and Objectives Montgomery County Mental Health Department

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Goal 1

Goal 1, 2026 Status Update: **Ongoing**

Goal 1, 2026 Status Update Description:

Goal 2

Goal 2, 2026 Status Update: **Complete**

Goal 2, 2026 Status Update Description: Youth ACT is fully implemented and running well.

Goal 2 Objective 1, 2026 Status Update: **Ongoing**

Goal 2 Objective 1, 2026 Status Update Description:

Goal 3

Goal 3, 2026 Status Update: **Complete**

Goal 3, 2026 Status Update Description: Open Access is operational and functioning well.



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2024 Needs Assessment Form Montgomery County Mental Health Department

Crisis Services Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Cross System Services Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Outpatient Treatment Yes

Applies to OASAS? No

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Workforce Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? No

Need description (Optional): Development of a strong workforce with succession planning. Incentives for students to stay and work in rural areas. Look at reimbursement rates to assist in paying higher salaries.

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2025 Needs Assessment Form Montgomery County Mental Health Department

Crisis Services Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Cross System Services Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Forensics Yes

Applies to OASAS? No

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Adults Only

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? No

Need description (Optional): There is a lack of providers to preform 730's and we struggle to find providers to work with sex offenders.

Inpatient Treatment Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Outpatient Treatment Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Residential Treatment Services Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Youth Only

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? No

Need description (Optional): We need crisis respite services for residential and long term care.

Respite Yes

Applies to OASAS? No

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Youth Only

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? No

Need description (Optional): Not all children need long term placement but respite crisis, 2 to 3 weeks would help immensely.

Workforce Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? No

Need description (Optional): Rural areas are struggling to attract and maintain staff.

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Crisis Services Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Cross System Services Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? Yes

Need description (Optional):

Forensics Yes

Applies to OASAS? No

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? No

Need Applies to: Adults Only

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? No

Need description (Optional): 730's are an issue in finding providers that have the capacity to complete exams.

Prevention Yes

Applies to OASAS? No

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? No

Need Applies to: Youth Only

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? No

Need description (Optional): SUD prevention is robust however there are not prevention dollars for MH related needs.

Residential Treatment Services Yes

Applies to OASAS? No

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? No

Need Applies to: Youth Only

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? No

Need description (Optional): RTF placement for youth is impossible to find.

Respite Yes

Applies to OASAS? No

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? No

Need description (Optional): Respite beds are needed to prevent long term hospitalization.

Transportation Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? No

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? No

Need description (Optional): Rural County struggles with transportation. This is ongoing.

Workforce Yes

Applies to OASAS? Yes

Applies to OMH? Yes

Applies to OPWDD? Yes

Need Applies to: Both Youth and Adults

Do any of the Goals on the Goals and Objectives Form address this need? No

Need description (Optional): Workforce is an issue in all areas.

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