

## Get Involved: Be Part of the Solution

*Attend a Borough Based Council Meeting*

### Bronx Borough Based Council

(meets the 2nd Friday of each month from 10:00 am–12:00 pm)

### Brooklyn Borough Based Council

(meets the 4th Friday of each month from 10:00 am–12:00 pm)

### Manhattan Borough Based Council

(meets the 3rd Thursday of each month from 9:30 am–11:30 am)

### Queens Borough Based Council

(meets the 4th Monday of each month from 9:30 am–11:30 am)

### Staten Island Borough Based Council

(meets the 1st Monday of each month from 10:00 am–12:00pm)



- MHA-NYC is a nonprofit organization with local roots and a national reach that for over 50 years has been leading the way in mental health with a three-part mission of service, advocacy, and education.
- Every year MHA-NYC reaches over one million people nationally with mental and behavioral health challenges through high quality innovative programs.
- We provide state-of-the-art crisis services through public partnerships with the city, state, and federal government.
- We administer national networks of crisis call centers funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), including the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.
- We oversee NYC Well, a comprehensive cutting edge contact center program that uses state-of-the-art telephone, text, and web based technologies to respond to the mental health needs of tens of thousands of New Yorkers, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- With our Adolescent Skills Centers, Family Resource Centers, preventive service programs and recovery oriented services our trained peers and professionals provide adolescents, adults, older adults, and entire families with the tools and skills necessary to get back on track and lead healthy and fulfilled lives.



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## The Coordinated Children's Services Initiative

*Making a difference in the lives of children and families*



## What We Do

The Coordinated Children's Services Initiative (CCSI) works with families, youth, government agencies, and community providers to:

- improve services in
  - child welfare
  - juvenile justice
  - family court
  - education
  - mental health
  - substance abuse
  - youth development
- identify solutions for families being served by more than one agency
- increase family and youth involvement in service planning and policy development

## Our Values and Goals

CCSI believes in behavioral health care that:

- is family-driven and youth-guided
- recognizes that each family has unique strengths
- provides the right services at the right time and in the right amount
- addresses the needs of each child and family across all service systems
- respects the language and culture of community members

## How YOU Can Participate In Change

CCSI offers several opportunities for youth and families to participate:

### The Borough Based Councils (BBCs)

Family members and child, youth and family service providers across all service systems are invited to meet once a month at their Borough Based Council to:

- share information and resources
- identify local solutions to service delivery issues
- provide a place for family members and youth to bring their thoughts and concerns about child, youth and family services to the table
- identify gaps in service and cross-systems issues that require problem-solving at the city or state level

### The Citywide Oversight Committee (COC)

The Citywide Oversight Committee is a regularly-held meeting where New York City and New York State child-serving agencies, Borough Based Council co-chairs, family members and youth representatives come together to:

- find solutions to cross-system issues that have not been resolved at a borough level
- assure that family and youth concerns are represented in efforts to improve the system of care in NYC
- share resources and information about child-serving systems throughout NYC

The COC is co-chaired by representatives from the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the New York State Office of Mental Health, a family representative,

a youth representative and a representative from a third city or state agency to create a cross-systems approach to ensure the mental, emotional, and social well-being of NYC's children and families.

### The Youth Advisory Council (YAC)

The Youth Advisory Committee brings the perspectives, concerns and recommendations of young people who have had first-hand experience receiving services from one or more of the child- and youth-serving systems to the Citywide Oversight Committee. Members are invited to:

- bring youth voice and perspective to COC workgroups and projects
- attend BBC meetings

The YAC is led by YOUTH POWER!, a youth-driven statewide systems advocacy network.

For more information, contact YOUTH POWER!'s NYC Regional Youth Partner at 347.880.2735.

### The Family Leadership Group

The family leadership group includes advocates who are parents and caregivers of youth who have received services from different child-serving agencies. This group works with the COC to identify system problems that are affecting services to children and families. The Leadership Group:

- identifies and advocates for change
- brings family voice to all BBC and COC meetings

For more information, contact Families On The Move, Inc. at 347.682.4870.

