

Currently, every county and borough in New York State has a working Children's Single Point of Access (CSPOA).

CSPOA links and provides timely access to an array of intensive OMH services and supports based on the identified service need of the youth and his/her family. Services include: Home and Community Based Waiver, Intensive Case Management, Supported Case Management, Family Based Treatment, and Community Residences. If the needs of a youth warrant the services of a Residential Treatment Facility (RTF), the CSPOA will forward the referral to the OMH Regional Pre-Admission Certification Committee (PACC) Specialist. CSPOA also functions as the referral agent to other systems if a child's needs would be better supported by another child serving system.

With the exception of RTF's, each CSPOA monitors all youth on their respective waiting lists for supports/services accessed through the CSPOA to ensure that youth most in need receive the designated supports/service as soon as an opening occurs. Although there is diversity in how each county/borough completes this process, the attached visual highlights the basic elements of the CSPOA process.

In calendar year 2009, approximately 5,000 youth were referred to the CSPOA.