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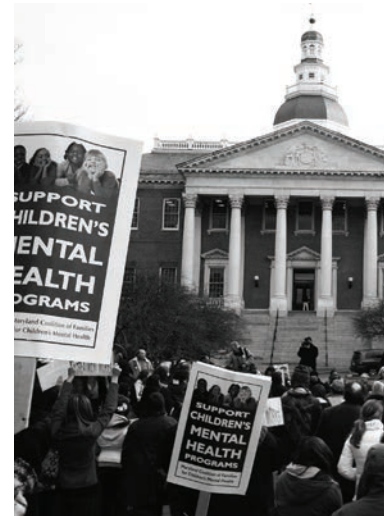
PASS THE KEEP THE DOOR OPEN ACT

(SB497/HB595)

Increase access to behavioral health care by passing the Keep the Door Open Act.

Vulnerable Marylanders depend on dedicated health care providers to receive the mental health and substance use treatment they need. Years of stagnant funding have resulted in Marylanders losing critical access to behavioral health care.

- Community behavioral health providers administer traditional outpatient services, mobile treatment, crisis services, withdrawal management, rehabilitation, residential programs and housing.
- They divert hospital and emergency room admissions, detention center admissions, help people experiencing homelessness get permanent housing and unemployed people get jobs.



THE FACTS:

180,000

Maryland children and adults use and depend on the public behavioral health system.

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Number of rate increases over the last 20 years

1,000,000+

Marylanders live with a mental health or substance use disorder

65%

Increase in demand for use of public behavioral health system since 2008

THE KEEP THE DOOR OPEN ACT WILL:



Support our dedicated clinicians and direct care workers who provide treatment to Marylanders.



Index reimbursement rates to medical inflation, so our providers don't get left behind.



Strengthen the corps of dedicated providers serving Maryland's children with behavioral health disorders.



Ensure stability for community-based clinics, so they can keep their doors open rather than closing up shop.



The Behavioral Health Coalition is a diverse mix of non-governmental organizations working together to ensure individuals affected by mental health and substance use disorders have access to high quality services.

MEMBERS:

Adventist HealthCare Behavioral Health & Wellness Services

Arundel Lodge

Baltimore City Substance Abuse Directorate

Baltimore Crisis Response

Baltimore Jewish Council

Behavioral Health System Baltimore

Catholic Charities of Baltimore, Child and Family Services Division

Chesapeake Voyagers

Children's Guild

Community Behavioral Health Association of Maryland

Cornerstone Montgomery County

Family Services, Inc.

Good Samaritan Hospital Division of Psychiatry

Harford-Belair Community Mental Health Center

Health Care Access Maryland

Health Care for the Homeless

Key Point Health Services

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors of Maryland

Maryland Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence

Maryland Association of Core Service Agencies

Maryland Association for Partial Hospital and Intensive Outpatient Programs

Maryland Association of Resources for Families and Youth

Maryland Behavioral Health Network

Maryland Clinical Social Work Coalition

Maryland Coalition of Families for Children's Mental Health

Maryland Disability Law Center

Maryland Hospital Association

Maryland Nurses Association

Maryland Occupational Therapy Association

Maryland Public Health Association

Maryland Psychiatric Society

Maryland Psychological Association

Maryland Works

Mental Health Association of Maryland

Mental Health Association of Montgomery County

Mental Health Association in Talbot County

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National Association of Social Workers Maryland Chapter

National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) Maryland

On Our Own of Maryland

Pro Bono Counseling Project

Prologue

Sheppard Pratt Health System

Way Station