

MHANYS Mission

The Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc. is a voluntary not-for-profit statewide association with 31 local affiliates with a presence in 55 counties throughout New York State. MHANYS brings together service recipients, families, advocates, professionals, and concerned citizens to address all aspects of mental health and mental illness.

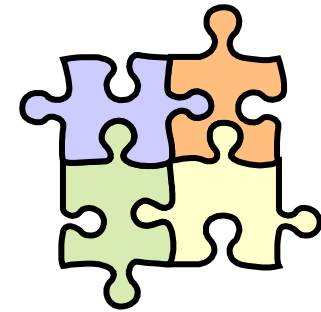
Since 2002 Council members have provided over **700 job leads** to LBAC Coordinators resulting in over **300** individuals securing employment in competitive and integrated **jobs**.

The Consumer & Business Outreach Program is a not-for-profit employment initiative of the Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc., in cooperation with the New York State Office of Mental Health



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Partnering with the Business Community to Locate Jobs for Consumers of Mental Health Services

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Consumer & Business Outreach Program Goal

The Consumer & Business Outreach Program is a statewide initiative designed to improve the employment opportunities of individuals living with psychiatric disabilities. This objective is achieved through a multi-prong approach to:

- ◇ Educate the community, with specific focus on employers and the workplace, about the importance of mental health
- ◇ Inform clinicians and service providers of the significant contributions employment offers to recovery, independence, and quality of life
- ◇ Through the creation of state and local Business Advisory Councils (BACs), foster private-public partnerships among the business community, MHA affiliates, State and County agencies, and other stakeholders committed to workforce development for people with psychiatric disabilities
- ◇ Promote evidence-based best practices in supported employment provided either through our affiliates or community partners. Supported employment services offer a person-centered approach to with a team of job coaches, vocational specialists, and job developers to assist job-seekers assess their skills, develop resumes, search for jobs, and prepare for interviews with employers

Local Business Advisory Councils (LBACs)

LBAC members provide job leads directly to Coordinators or through supported employment programs to consumers of mental health services seeking employment. Further objectives of the LBACs are to provide resources to employers and the local business community about mental health issues and promote the importance of a psychologically healthy workplace in enhancing productivity levels.

MHANYS' BACs Represent the Following Areas:

- ◇ MHA of Columbia-Greene Counties
- ◇ MHA in Jefferson County
- ◇ MHA of Nassau County
- ◇ MHA of Orange County
- ◇ MHA of the Southern Tier
- ◇ MHA in Suffolk County
- ◇ MHA in Ulster County
- ◇ Behavioral Health Services North/Clinton County

MHANYS' Statewide Business Advisory Council (SBAC)

Comprised of members from the business community, State agencies, stakeholders with a vested interest in workforce development, and regional BAC affiliate Coordinators, the SBAC meets quarterly to share resources and develop strategies to improve employment opportunities across New York State.

SBAC Representatives:

- ◇ Business Community
 - Bank of America
 - Capital Region Human Resource Association (SHRM)
 - Price Chopper Supermarkets
 - Time Warner Cable
 - Verizon
- ◇ Federal and State Agencies
 - NYS VESID
 - NYS Office of Mental Health
 - NYS Department of Labor
 - Social Security Administration
- ◇ Mental Health Community
 - MHA Affiliates
 - Providers
 - Consumers
- ◇ Technical Assistance
 - Employment & Disability Institute
 - Northeast Career Planning
 - Workforce Development Institute