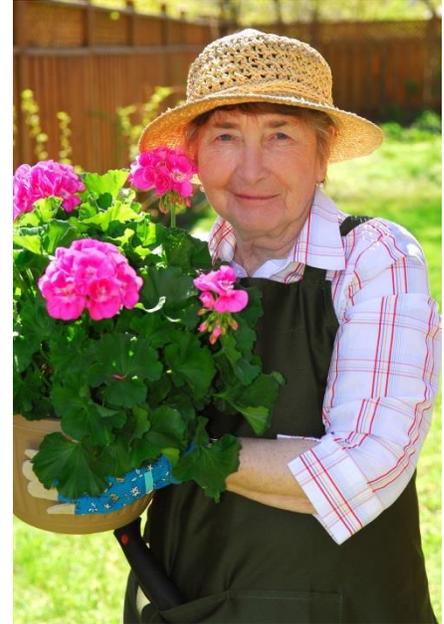


Community Hospital Integration Projects Program (CHIPP)

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CHIPPs: Facts at a Glance

- Since the program's inception, 3,224 individuals were discharged from state hospitals through CHIPPs, with the appropriate services and supports to successfully reintegrate to their homes and communities.
- Since 2008, CHIPPs has enabled more than 400 people to be served in the community instead of in a state hospital.
- Builds local community capacity and infrastructure.
- Minimizes the need for new revenues to support people with serious mental illness.
- Annual civil-bed admissions declined from 1,261 to 660 since 2008 – a 48% reduction.
- More than 80% of the state mental health budget is now spent on community-based services.



What is a CHIPP?

A CHIPP is a tool that allows the Department of Human Services (DHS) to discharge individuals with complex service needs from state hospitals who no longer need inpatient psychiatric treatment and move them into integrated community programs. CHIPPs also reallocate funds to the community for the development of new alternative community-based treatment services and supports.

The community services developed with CHIPP funds not only assist in the transfer of individuals living with a mental illness from a state hospital into the community, but also offer services and supports to individuals with mental illness who would otherwise need hospitalization. The CHIPP process also provides an opportunity for the individual and their family to participate in program design to make sure it meets their needs.

“Governor Wolf’s proposed budget includes \$4.73 million in CHIPPs funding to allow 90 individuals currently residing in a state hospital to have the supports necessary to live in the community and potentially avoid future unnecessary state hospital admissions. For each CHIPPs bed, it is estimated that an additional four to five individuals with mental illness may be served.”

– DHS Secretary Ted Dallas

To learn more about CHIPPs, please visit

<http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/dhsorganization/officeofmentalhealthandsubstanceabuseservices/bureauofcommunityandhospitaloperations/index.htm>.