2021 Annual Report
2021 People Served

12,332 in Behavioral Health Services

711 in Intellectual & Development Disabilities Services

398 in Supported Housing

1789 in Children & Family Services

475 in Employment Services

Growth and change were the watchwords of 2021. In a year that bridged the height of COVID-19 with a return to normal, the services provided by Access: Supports for Living were more critical than ever. More people across a larger geography received support from a skilled, compassionate team mission-driven to help them live the healthiest and fullest lives possible.

We are, as ever, grateful to this incredible team of more than 2,200 for their constancy and commitment to the nearly 20,000 people served through Access and our affiliates—The Guidance Center of Westchester, New York Families for Autistic Children, and Meaningful NY - in 2021, their families, and our communities.
Access formalizes Management Services Agreement with New York Families for Autistic Children (NYFAC)

In anticipation of a future affiliation, Queens-based NYFAC enters into a Management Services Agreement with Access. This is the first step toward shared administration and more dollars at NYFAC going directly into services.

FEBRUARY 2021

Innovation in the face of COVID-19

Despite challenges, our incredible team continues to provide high-quality services, including virtual Day Habilitation. Rob Venditti, Day Services Supervisor, used technology, including Zoom, to provide key services that were dynamic and engaging for more than twenty-five people. Because of Rob, his team, and other essential staff, people we support continued to further their goals, interests, and maintain social connections throughout the pandemic.

March

Access is awarded our second CCBHC Expansion Grant through SAMHSA

The grant funds the continued operation of the Mental Health and Substance Use Urgent. Adults and children with mental health and/or substance use concerns can walk in, with no appointment or referral necessary, and begin treatment, including medication assisted treatment for addiction to drugs or alcohol. In 2021, the Urgent Care served thousands, including more than 1,800 who were new to care.
Sharing our expertise

Rachael Rivera and Masha Arians, who, in addition to being leaders in their field, have also helped lead our diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts, presented at the NY Alliance Annual Conference. Social Justice: The Time Is Now! shared their experience of how a conversation about anti-racism with leadership became sewn into the fabric of our organizational structure. They provided a historical framework for identifying and addressing racism as a social construct that creates barriers to behavioral and physical healthcare on a systemic level and a re-thinking of the role of “gatekeepers” to services. This was one many presentations by the Access team at state and national conferences in 2021.

Supporting Children’s Mental Health

Access joined forces with the Fallsburg Junior Senior High School to raise awareness about mental health to more than 400 students at a virtual assembly. Friends of Access, Retired NFL player and Chiefs Hall of Fame Fullback Tony Richardson and Recording Arts and Broadway Star Syndee Winters, shared their personal stories related to mental health and spoke to students about the importance of seeking help when needed.

Mental Health and Substance Use Urgent Care Opens in Kingston

Partnering with then-County Executive Pat Ryan and others, we opened the third location of our Mental Health and Substance Use Urgent Care in Kingston. The partnership leveraged several funding sources, including NIDA/ SAMHSA HEALing Communities funding, to create a new service delivery model for Ulster County residents that provides convenient, community-based mental health and substance use treatment and builds on the resources already available, including the Ulster County Mobile Mental Health Team, operated by Access.
Access: Business Solutions teams up with Orange County

Spectators at the New York International Air Show were provided free Soundguard™ earplugs. The manufacturing of these earplugs creates meaningful, integrated employment opportunities for people with disabilities, working at our Fini Drive Manufacturing Center.

The Guidance Center of Westchester joins Access

The affiliation of The Guidance Center of Westchester with Access represents growth in services and expertise across a larger geography, while strengthening TGCW’s position into the future. Collectively, the agencies serve 16,000 adults and children in Orange, Westchester, Dutchess, Ulster, Sullivan, Rockland, Putnam, Columbia, and Greene Counties.

Time to celebrate

On the banks of the Hudson River, we celebrated the work on our team, along with the extraordinary contributions of RECAP and Senate Majority leader Chuck Schumer. In addition to funding for community programs and projects, the night’s Raise the Paddle re-defined generosity, with gala attendees donating nearly $30,000 to the Access: Center for Education.
Picnic in the Park 2021
Our annual Picnic in the Park, a fun-filled day for the people we support and their families, saw the same Access spirit as in years past. Staff from across the agency hosted games and activities for hundreds of picnic-goers, while our friends at Baseball Miracles, along with the Mount St. Mary Baseball team hosted a baseball clinic.

Housing, first
As the number of people we supported through our Empire State Supportive Housing program grew in 2021, with the addition of Deerfield Commons, the team shared their knowledge and experience at the Association for Community Living conference. Rachael Rivera, Children & Family Services Director, and the ESSH team: Monica Leiter, Clinical Director; Gregg Knowles, Community Employment Partner; Melissa Bennett, RN Health Care Coordinator; and Bill Jolly, Director of MH Recovery & Family Service presented on the experience of and best practices for foster care youth transitioning to supportive housing and our work using Lean Six Sigma principles to improve health and employment outcomes.

Meaningful NY joins Access
Formed in 2014 through the collaborative effort of the seven agencies that make up NYIN, Meaningful NY Initiatives for People with Disabilities provides Self-Direction services to individuals and families in New York City, Long Island, and the Hudson Valley. After seven successful years, NYIN made the decision to transfer sponsorship of Meaningful NY and focus its efforts on policy, advocacy, and best practices. The group put out a request for proposals, and, after thorough review, Access was selected. On December 1, 2021, Meaningful NY became an affiliate of Access, growing our Self-Direction program and further increasing Access’s geographic reach.
Income

Medicaid, Medicare, Insurance $50,673,033
Industrial Sales $16,498,826
County DSS and OCFS $2,191,073
OPWDD $1,607,482
OMH $10,072,530
Entitlements SSI Food Stamps $3,879,624
County Departments of Mental Health $3,300,013
Contributions and Equity Interest $1,223,081
Acces-VR $253,028
Other Income $1,229,030
Federal and State Grants $6,404,262
Participant Providers $636,018
Total Revenue $97,967,999.97

Expenses

Wages & Benefits $68,489,496.06
General Operating $15,473,743.67
Occupancy $7,643,955.96
Transportation $1,037,746.56
Consumer Emergency Assistance $794,975.68
Unrelated Business Tax $84,506.81
Total Expenses $93,524,424.74

Profit (Loss) $4,443,575.23

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**Income**

- Contributions Restricted/Non Restricted: $1,195,440
- Investment Income Gain (Loss): $231,096
- Gift from Related Organization: $0
- **Total Income**: $1,426,536

**Expenses**

- Wages & Benefits/ Leased Staff: $163,406
- General Operating: $103,798
- Gifts to Related Organization: $-

- Fundraising: $303,862
- **Total Expenses**: $571,065

**Profit (Loss)**: $855,471

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