



# ACTION ALERT

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A non-profit tax-exempt organization representing New York City's community-based mental health sector.

To: Coalition Agency Executive Directors Affected by "Shared Staffing Cut"

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Re: Letters to Assemblymembers

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As you recall, Governor Pataki and the Office of Mental Health have proposed that clinical professional positions which are paid for by State funds but are used by community providers as "shared staff" be eliminated from the State Budget. Coalition has strongly urged the Legislature to restore funding for these positions and we have been partially successful. **However, only 30% of the staff will be restored under the Legislature's current proposal.**

**ACT NOW!** Full restoration of these positions is possible from another funding source.

Proposal: Allow New York City and other localities the option to use the State employees' union funds authorized by the Mental Health Community Reinvestment Act to replace state funding of these positions.

Justification: This proposal will prevent the loss of valuable community-based services that would have resulted if the positions are cut. Without the "shared staff," fewer outpatient services can be provided at a time when there is already a critical shortage of such services.

Write to your Assemblymember now urging them to allow the State set-aside Reinvestment fund to be used by localities to pay for these important "shared staff" positions.

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