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BREAKING NEWS ABOUT COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH IN NEW YORK

Mayor's January Plan includes large behavioral health care cuts *Reduces City Council additions in many services over many years*

Mayor Giuliani announced his annual January budget modification at City Hall yesterday morning. Included in the plan is the elimination of many of the items the City Council has added to the budget over the past three years. Among the cuts to cultural institutions, libraries and other human services are over three million dollars in behavioral health care cuts. Cuts, and the fiscal years in which they were added to the budget are as follows:

From the Fiscal Year 2000 budget:

- \$500,000 mental health community case management
- \$250,000 alcoholism services for elderly, adolescents and parents of foster care children

From the Fiscal Year 1999 budget:

- \$500,000 for forensic mental health
- \$1 million for alcoholism prevention, education and treatment for children and adolescents

From the Fiscal Year 1998 budget:

- \$300,000 for school-based mental health programs
- \$500,000 for teen alcoholism prevention

Although we don't take it personally we are very concerned that all of the mental health cuts are items that we worked so hard to have included in the City budget. We will be working with Councilwoman Clarke and our other allies in the City Council who helped us get the money added in the first place to restore these harmful cuts.▣