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The entire premise of Medicaid Redesign for children's behavioral health was based upon the dramatic unmet needs and the need for capacity building.

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THE CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM LACKS CAPACITY TO BEST SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE STATE'S CHILDREN AND YOUTH; COMMUNITY-BASED CARE SHOULD BE TARGETED FOR PLANNED INVESTMENTS AND REINVESTMENTS. THIS NEED FOR INVESTMENT MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN SAVINGS TARGETS ARE BEING

After 5 years of design discussions about **how to expand capacity**, but without specific investment in children's service capacityⁱ the 2017-18 Executive Budget recommends savings on children's behavioral healthⁱⁱ

The NYS Coalition for Children's Behavioral Health, representing 45 provider agencies, and on behalf of the children and families we serve, urgently ask that the NYS Legislature:

- **INVEST** \$17.5 million in children's behavioral health services - Restore the \$7.5 million budgeted, but unspent in the 2016-17 State Fiscal Year for new capacity, and \$10 million of readiness funds to address the capacity crisis in children's behavioral health care;
- **INCREASE** to \$125 million the floor for community based providers' eligibility for the proposed \$500 million capital fund, the Statewide Healthcare Facility Transformation program;
- **SUPPORT** the nonprofit Office of Mental Health workforce by adequately funding the minimum wage increases, an estimated \$50.5 million cost to the system, and re-direct 25% of any unspent DSRIP workforce development funds to community based providers to support hospitals systems that want to "buy, not build" behavioral health services so they can meet Value Based Payment targets.

CAPACITY, CAPITAL, WORKFORCE

ⁱ Except for about \$8 million in outpatient clinic rates in 2015 and \$10 million for Health Information Technology in 2016

ⁱⁱ \$30 million for delayed State Plan Services and \$10 million transformation readiness funds