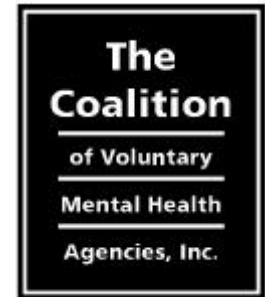


# Coalition Briefs

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A SEMI-MONTHLY UPDATE ON COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH IN NEW YORK

## Don't Miss the Circus Fun!!

There is still time to get your tickets for the non-profit entertainment extravaganza of the year. Next Thursday, November 13 Lincoln Center's Damrosch Park will be **the** place to be when The Coalition hosts the Big Apple Circus (BAC). You don't want to miss two birthday parties in one as we celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> year and BAC celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup>. Questions and requests for tickets should be directed to (212) 586-4555. □

## Citizenship Assistance Project

The Coalition's Citizenship Assistance Project, a collaboration between The Coalition and NYANA, moves into operation today with a training session for member agencies on "Basics of Naturalization." This training will enable agency staffers to start the process of identifying agency clients who are eligible to become U. S. citizens, who will then be assisted in the application process. The training will be held at NYANA's first floor Auditorium, 17 Battery Place, from 10 AM to 12 noon. Call the Coalition for more information. □

## Job Want-Ads Wanted

We are pleased to offer member agencies the free opportunity to list available positions in Coalition Briefs. Any member agency that wishes to place a help-wanted ad need only fax a copy to (212) 541-6183 or email a brief notice to mailbox@cvmha.org. □

Nov. 13	Finance Committee Executive Committee Public Hearing on SNP Draft RFP <b>Big Apple Circus</b>
Nov. 18	Conference Planning Committee
Nov. 25	Managed Care Technical Assistance Seminar
Dec. 11	Annual Meeting

## DMH Awards

On October 29th, the New York City DMHMRAS hosted its annual awards reception. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the First Annual William A. Charet Memorial Award to the Mental Health Association of NYC for 1-800-Lifenet. Other recipients were from the business and community worlds as well as the family and consumer movements. □

## Technical Assistance Advances

On October 28th The Coalition's Managed Care Technical Assistance Program began. Over 100 people heard Michael Kraten discuss MIS procurement from both a policy and operational point of view. Mr. Kraten will lead nine more seminars about the new managed care environment for those registered. The seminars are being held in the Auditorium at NYANA. The programs got an extra boost thanks to grants from The Dammann Fund, Inc. and the Altman Foundation in addition to the original grant from The New York Community Trust. Anyone who wants more information about how to register for the seminars should contact Pat Goldstein at the Coalition. The next session is on November 25. □

## Auditing the Auditors

At a recent Membership Meeting of the Coalition, officials from the Department of Health (formerly DSS) were present to discuss current Medicaid billing audits of agency programs. The officials gave a general overview of the audit process, answered questions and clarified issues. The last audit period was performed between 1985-1989. DOH is auditing programs to verify billing procedures and claims. The meeting was the beginning of a continuing dialogue with DOH on Medicaid audit procedures. □

## Member Agency Notes

On October 17 the **Staten Island Mental Health Society** celebrated its centennial anniversary. Proclamations were presented by Assembly member Elizabeth Connelly, City Council member Una Clarke and Staten Island Borough President Guy Molinari. □

Spots are available in **The League Treatment Center's** nursery program for autistic and PDD children to receive Applied Behavioral Analysis. Contact Nancy Doldus at (718) 643-5300 or www.Leaguetreatment.org for more information. □

**The Center for Urban Community Services, Inc.** publishes a vacancy and information update that lists availability in various types of supportive housing. Contact (212) 801-3333 for information. □

**Project Outreach** is seeking volunteer psychiatrists to work with homeless or formerly homeless people. Volunteers should contact (212) 579-2650. □

On November 1st **Volunteers of America** assumed operation of the 50 West Mt. Eden SRO. The SRO has 180 units for persons who are formerly homeless, mentally ill or living with AIDS. □