



WEBINAR ANNOUNCEMENT – April 23, 2025 at 10:00 – 11:00 am

**Police and Mental Health Providers' Use of iPads to Help Residents in Crisis:
The NYS Mobile Access Program (MAP)**

The Institute for Police, Mental Health & Community Collaboration, in partnership with the NYS Office of Mental Health, is seeking localities interested in being part of a telehealth program to help residents in distress.

Funded by the New York State Office of Mental Health, the Mobile Access Program (MAP) is a current police-based, emergency telehealth program that connects individuals in crisis to mental health clinicians for assessment, safety planning, and linkage to local services and resources. At the request of police, clinicians conduct remote face-to-face evaluations via Zoom to support individuals in emotional distress. This program increases the availability of timely mental health consultations and provides an opportunity to decrease transports to emergency departments.

A limited number of iPads are provided to participating law enforcement departments and local mental health providers (some mental health agencies opt to use laptops). Data plans will be paid for at least 12 months, and possibly longer, depending on continued state funding.

Localities that wish to apply for this program are required to identify at least one local law enforcement department and at least one local mental health agency that are interested in participating. In addition, localities are required to have the endorsement of their Director of Community Services / County Mental Health Director.

We anticipate expanding the program to additional sites and are especially interested in rural areas and localities that do not have mobile crisis teams. Law enforcement personnel are encouraged to reach out to your County Mental Health Department to discuss implementing this in your jurisdiction. Likewise, County Directors of Community Services are urged to discuss this with a police/sheriff's department in your region where you think this program might be especially helpful.

The webinar on **April 23rd at 10 am** will review the history of the program, detail how the program works, list benefits and challenges, share relevant outcome data, and outline the process for applying. The session will conclude with questions and answers.

Registration link: https://ccsi.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pgIRIGzQRmiVje01Vx-Flw