

Bronx Psychiatric Center to host \$6M patient wellness center



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The New York Office of Mental Health is opening a community wellness center at the Bronx Psychiatric Center in Morris Park, bringing new transitional services to the campus of a 60-year-old inpatient institution.

The agency awarded a \$6 million dollar contract to Startcare, a Clinton Hill-based behavioral health nonprofit, to operate the recently-renovated 17,000-square-foot facility. The two-story building will serve as a health and education center for people moving from inpatient and residential services back into the community along with others seeking social and occupational support. It is expected to open early next year.

Step-down and transitional programs serve as a bridge to independent living for people with serious mental health or substance use issues who have exited intensive treatment. The new program is located

on the site of a former administrative building and outpatient clinic which closed for renovations in 2019. The 156-bed adult psychiatric facility also has a satellite outpatient office more than two miles north.

The award is one of the final steps toward reopening the space in its new form. Last year, Mental Health Commissioner Ann Marie Sullivan hosted an open house at the completed building shortly before the agency opened applications for the contract. The building includes communal amenities like training rooms, a computer lab, commercial kitchen, health suite and greenhouse.

Startcare operates seven behavioral health centers in the Bronx, Upper Manhattan and Brooklyn. The clinics focus on opioid treatment, intensive outpatient services and youth mental health. The award includes \$1 million in start-up funding and another \$1 million annually for operations over the next five years.

The state began remodeling the Bronx campus in 2008 when it started a seven-year, \$350 million overhaul of the site. The 436,000-square-foot facility was completed in 2015 and included a new adult psychiatric center, children's center, and transitional and supportive housing.