

NYSED-OASAS MOU Program Goal:

The goal of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to build the capacity of sustainable school and community infrastructures within a systematic process for improving health and academic outcomes. This work will be accomplished with a focus on prevention education and activities of engagement, assessment, application, and evaluation. With a framework of best-practices and evidence-based resources, an outgrowth of this work will be increases in sustainable capacity of education professionals responsible for coordinating and teaching health education, along with pupil personnel service (PPS) professionals working in the schools that support health education. These resources will focus on prevention education efforts related to tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs in support of decreasing Mental, Emotional and Behavioral (MEB) health disorders. Participation and strengthening of ongoing school, community, stakeholder and parent partnerships, as well as initiatives will enhance continuity by bridging systems and building capacity for a sustainable infrastructure and promoting health education prevention initiatives to improve student outcomes.