



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Health and Human Services
Department of Mental Health
25 Staniford Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2575

MAURA T. HEALEY
Governor

KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL
Lieutenant Governor

KIAME MAHANIAH, MD, MBA
Secretary

EMILY BAILEY
Commissioner

(617) 626-8000
www.mass.gov/dmh

October 20, 2026

The Honorable Aaron M. Michlewitz, Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Massachusetts House of Representatives
State House, Room 243
Boston, MA 02133-1099

Dear Chairman Michlewitz:

As required by Line Item 5042, the Department of Mental Health (DMH) was asked to report to the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means not later than April 1, 2026, detailing the funds distributed through the program, delineated by recipient; number of new programs created with said funds, delineated by recipient, location, number of individuals served and ages of individuals served; and projected need for the creation of new programs in the next fiscal year.

Enclosed please find the Department of Mental Health's FY26 Program for Assertive Community Treatment for Youth (PACT-Y) Report.

I appreciate the assistance our agency has received from you and your staff. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emily Bailey".

Emily Bailey, LICSW
Commissioner



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Executive Office of Health and Human Services

Department of Mental Health

25 Staniford Street

Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2575

MAURA T. HEALEY
Governor

KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL
Lieutenant Governor

KIAME MAHANIAH, MD, MBA
Secretary

EMILY BAILEY
Commissioner

(617) 626-8000
www.mass.gov/dmh

October 20, 2026

The Honorable Michael J. Rodrigues, Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Massachusetts Senate
State House, Room 212
Boston, MA 02133-1099

Dear Chairman Rodrigues:

As required by Line Item 5042-5000, the Department of Mental Health (DMH) was asked to report to the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means not later than April 1, 2026, detailing the funds distributed through the program, delineated by recipient; number of new programs created with said funds, delineated by recipient, location, number of individuals served and ages of individuals served; and projected need for the creation of new programs in the next fiscal year.

Enclosed please find the Department of Mental Health's FY26 Program for Assertive Community Treatment for Youth (PACT-Y) Report.

I appreciate the assistance our agency has received from you and your staff. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily Bailey".

Emily Bailey, LICSW
Commissioner

THE OFFICE OF
GOVERNOR MAURA T. HEALEY

LT. GOVERNOR KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL

Kiame Mahaniah, MD, MBA
Secretary of the Executive Office
of Health and Human Services

Emily Bailey
Commissioner

**Program for Assertive
Community Treatment for
Youth (PACT-Y)**

April 2026

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT
OF MENTAL HEALTH**

Introduction

Line Item 5042-5000 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, requires the Department of Mental Health (DMH), to submit a report regarding the Program of Assertive Community Treatment for Youth (PACT-Y) to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the: (I) funds distributed through the program, delineated by recipient; (II) number of new programs created with said funds, delineated by recipient, location, number of individuals served and ages of individuals served; and (III) projected need for the creation of new programs in the next fiscal year.

PACT-Y is a comprehensive service for individuals under the age of 22 with serious emotional disturbance for whom traditional office and/or community-based services and interventions have not been helpful. It is an intensive and coordinated service that is provided by one integrated, multi-disciplinary, community-based team. PACT-Y is modeled after an evidence based adult service (Program for Assertive Community Treatment or PACT) and, along with one other state, New York, this is first time that the model is being used for youth.

Since the start of the service on December 1, 2022, three of the contracted providers were never able to fully staff their teams and so access to the service was not fully realized. As a result of this and of budget constraints (including loss of ARPA funding), these three contracts were ended and the number of PACT-Y teams across the state moved from seven to four. The teams that are still operating are doing so successfully, with a positive discharge disposition of 88%. (Note: Discharges due to non-program reasons such as a youth moving out of the program area are not included in calculating this percentage.)

In FY26, PACT-Y contracts will be funded with 5042-5000, totaling \$5.7M on an annualized basis. This includes one team that ended on 8/1/25, leaving four PACT-Y teams across the state.

I. Funds Distributed through the Program - reporting period December 1, 2024 – November 30, 2025

DMH PACT-Y Programs		
DMH Area	PACT-Y Provider	Funds Distributed 12/1/2024 to 11/30/2025
Western MA	Clinical and Support Options (CSO)	\$1,225,160.31
Northeast	Wayside Youth and Family	\$1,579,163.21
Southeast	Community Counseling of Bristol County (CCBC)	\$880,687.57
Metro Boston	Home for Little Wanderers (HLW)	\$1,430,796.07
Teams that ended in fy25 or fy26		
Central MA Metrowest	Wayside Youth and Family	\$746,291.77
Central MA Greater Worcester	Wayside Youth and Family	\$900,503.87
Western MA – Berkshires	Clinical and Support Options (CSO)	\$704,385.56
	Total	\$7,466,988.36

II. Individuals Served – reporting period December 1, 2024 – November 30, 2025

DMH PACT-Y Programs			
DMH Area	PACT-Y Provider	Slot Capacity when fully staffed	Individuals Served
Western MA	Clinical and Support Options (CSO)	20	30
	Clinical and Support Options (CSO) – Berkshire (TAY)*	20	<11
Northeast	Wayside Youth and Family	20	29
Southeast	Community Counseling of Bristol County (CCBC)	20	22
Metro Boston	Home for Little Wanderers (HLW)	20	24
Central MA	Wayside Youth and Family – Greater Worcester*	20	12
	Wayside Youth and Family – Metrowest*	20	12
	Total	140	134

* The Berkshire program ended in July 2025, and both Central MA programs ended in June 2025.

III. Ages of Individuals Served – reporting period December 1, 2024 – November 30, 2025

DMH PACT-Y Youth Served - Ages	
Age Group	# Youth Served
10-14	33
15-17	61
18-22+	67
Total	134

IV. Program Utilization Trends

