

KEEP MANHATTAN ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTER OPEN!

**The Governor has proposed closing the
Manhattan Addiction Treatment Center (ATC)
a 52 bed inpatient rehabilitation facility operated by the
NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS)
and certified by OASAS and the
Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).**

Treatment

Scientific studies demonstrate that the right mix of behavioral therapy, medication (when available) and personal support can help addicted people navigate the road to recovery.

FACT

The Manhattan ATC provides 24/7 inpatient rehabilitation for Alcohol and Substance Abusers. They provide both Individual, Group, and Family Therapy treatment, as well as a full range of services as part of the recovery process. Services include:

Process Group Therapy;
Medical Issues Group;
Individual Counseling;
Family Therapy;
Recreational Services;
Spiritual Counseling;
12 Step Workshops;

Women's/Men's Issues
Group;
A Holistic Treatment
Program for the Hispanic
Community, Provided
Completely in Spanish;
24 Hour Medical Care;

Recovery Minded Groups;
Nicotine Dependence
Counseling;
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual
and Transgender
Treatment Program Track.

FACT

Manhattan ATC has been recognized for their programs that cater to monolingual Hispanic individuals, women, and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender communities; and for providing a safe and secure atmosphere for patients to address their needs.

FACT

Manhattan ATC accepts all patients regardless of income or insurance status and is often the provider of last resort. It even helps clients obtain Medicaid and other services they are entitled to.

FACT

New York City has a need for more drug treatment beds not less. New York State's chemical dependence service need for inpatient rehabilitation beds exceeds its current capacity, if New York State closes the Manhattan ATC the unmet need will increase by 95% - almost doubling the number of beds not available to serve this population.

FACT

The Governor's proposal promises to try to redistribute the roughly 800 clients served annually by Manhattan ATC to the four other ATCs in New York City or not-for-profit provider programs. However, seven New York hospitals, three in New York City, were recently accused of stealing more than \$50 million in Medicaid payments for detox services that were never provided. Now is not the time to be pushing these services toward providers that have their bottom line in mind more than what is best for the State or for the patients they serve.

FACT

If drug addicts and substance abusers cannot get needed treatment for their addiction they are more likely to commit crimes, endangering community safety.

FACT

Manhattan ATC employees have trained consultant employees to provide similar services at other facilities including Edgecombe Correctional facility. The consultant employees continue to be employed at these other facilities. The state should evaluate those contracts to determine if it would be more cost effective to use the Manhattan ATC employees at those facilities rather than the current consultant employees.

FACT

Though keeping the Manhattan ATC open would mean having to invest capital funds to relocate to a newer, more efficient treatment facility, the amount of money the State may save in the long run would be worth the investment. In addition, it is uncertain when the current facility needs to vacated. Maintaining these services as public services is not only good for the patients, but a long-term cost-effective decision for the State.

DON'T CUT NEEDED DRUG TREATMENT BEDS

DON'T MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR LOW INCOME CLIENTS TO GET THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT THEY NEED

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