

Division: Behavioral Health

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The Early Assessment and Support Alliance (EASA) is a two-year early psychosis intervention program addressing the needs of young people aged 12 to 30 who demonstrate initial symptoms of psychosis or are found to be at high risk for developing psychosis. The program reduces post-program enrollment hospitalizations by roughly 80% each year.

EASA is an evidence-based model which demonstrates that early intervention and immediate access to treatment can directly reduce psychiatric hospitalization rates and the long-term debilitating consequences of psychosis. The multidisciplinary team approach and treatment services are designed to meet the fidelity standards of the model as required by the state. The team has been formed to include linguistically and culturally-specific consultants who have experience and demonstrated success getting outcomes with the populations served.

Treatment is community-based and services are individualized based on age, personal preferences, and cultural needs. Services include individual and/or family psychotherapy, medication management, case management, support for employment, psychiatric nursing services, peer support, occupational therapy assessment and intervention, multi-family group, psychoeducation, and social skills building groups.

EASA Step-Down Pilot launched in FY 2026, which is a bridge between the extensive services of EASA and people independently managing their health. Services help clients maintain recovery and independent life skills, ultimately helping them transition to lower levels of service in the community.

Equity Statement

EASA provides individualized services in the community, which reduces participants' barriers to access. Services are culturally responsive and 30% of our providers have knowledge, skills and abilities and demonstrated success working with culturally-specific populations.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$599,082	\$1,960,965	\$647,814	\$1,832,496
Contractual Services	\$9,640	\$179,633	\$531	\$177,399
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$6,805	\$989	\$1,960
Internal Services	\$87	\$492,193	\$122	\$485,651
Total GF/non-GF	\$608,809	\$2,639,596	\$649,456	\$2,497,506
Total Expenses:	\$3,248,405		\$3,146,962	
Program FTE	3.23	11.17	3.11	9.87
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,911,588	\$0	\$1,737,506
Service Charges	\$0	\$728,008	\$0	\$760,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$2,639,596	\$0	\$2,497,506

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Total individuals enrolled in the EASA program receiving ongoing services.	119	116	120
Number of unduplicated individuals referred to the EASA program.	191	186	200