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Bridging Access to Care Receives Grant to Support Expanded Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment Services

Federal grant money awarded to Bridging Access to Care, enabling them to adopt the innovative Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model

[BROOKLYN, New York, July 9th, 2021] – The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) awarded a grant to Bridging Access to Care (BAC) this week, allowing them to implement the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model for care delivery. With this new funding, Bridging Access to Care now has the chance to expand services to serve as a “one-stop-shop” for mental health, substance use treatment, and other health care services in their communities. The CCBHC model ensures access to 24/7/365 crisis care, care coordination with hospitals, law enforcement, and schools, and access to high-quality services, including medication-assisted treatment (MAT) to help stop the overdose crisis, among other capabilities.

“This grant is significant in that it will allow BAC to establish the foundation to integrate our mental health and substance use treatment services and incorporate primary care. In addition, it is a timely award as our Board of Directors has recently approved BAC’s strategic direction to provide trauma-informed comprehensive care. We are excited about the opportunity to offer wrap-around behavioral and medical health care in one setting to our clients in their communities,” said Nadine Akinyemi, Executive Director, Bridging Access to Care.

To learn more about the transformation of the first HIV/AIDS organization in Brooklyn, check out the most recent [annual report](#) of Bridging Access to Care. For more information, visit www.bac-ny.org.

For additional information about the innovative CCBHC model, visit the [National Council’s CCBHC Success Center](#).