

# The DSRIP Digest

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## PPS Spotlight:

### [Suffolk Care Collaborative's](#)

Community Based Partnership for Integrated Care Services

**Suffolk Care Collaborative (SCC) PPS is launching a new community-based organization partnership with Family Service League (FSL) under the [SCC Primary & Behavioral Health Integrated Care Program](#) which includes 73 primary care and behavioral health practice sites, with over 300 providers, to participate in an integrated care model.**

## New Primary & Behavioral Health Integrated Care Services Partnership

The new program is aimed at developing collaborative care models between PCPs and behavioral health organizations which involves direct co-location of interdisciplinary clinicians within a site, and/or the establishment of a level of collaboration between agencies based on geography, skill set, community needs, and other factors. FSL has longstanding valuable experience in providing integrated care and SCC will look to adopt many best practices from their models.

The new Primary & Behavioral Health Integrated Care Services partnership will arrange for co-locating behavioral health clinicians in primary care practices. These behavioral health clinicians will:

- Render solution-focused, short-term, counseling services to patients of the primary care practices.
- Participate in efforts to stratify patient risk, provide patient education, and assist in community-based referrals.
- Communicate and collaborate with the care team and its primary care clinicians by sharing session/contact notes and other relevant clinical information and ensuring its capture in the primary care practice's electronic health record system.
- Support implementation of responsibilities and evidence-based standards of care as outlined in the SCC Integrated Care Implementation Toolkit designed by the SCC 3ai Project Workgroup.

Goals of the partnership include promoting the integration of behavioral health and primary care services for the purposes of:

- Identifying behavioral health diagnoses early and allowing rapid treatment.
- Ensuring that treatments for medical and behavioral health conditions are compatible and manage any potential adverse effects.
- De-stigmatizing treatment for behavioral health conditions.
- Building a model of financial sustainability for the provision of integrated care services.

## About Family Service League

[Family Service League's](#) mission: Family Service League helps individuals, children and families to mobilize their strengths and improve the quality of their lives at home, in the workplace, and in the community.

Since its inception in 1926 as a grass roots social service agency, FSL has grown dramatically while achieving national accreditation and expanding its scope of influence and support throughout Long Island. Today, more than 50,000 individuals, from newborns to centenarians, rely on the social safety net that FSL provides.

FSL manages one of the largest and most comprehensive networks of care across Long Island, serving infants to elders through Children and Youth Programs, Senior Services, Vocational Programs, Family Support Programs, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Programs, and Housing and Homeless Services. FSL's program model includes strategically placed family centers that provide a continuum of care to address the multitude of challenges faced by children, families and individuals in the various aspects of their lives. FSL is governed by an active 36 member Board of Directors and staffed by 700 (full and part time) skilled professionals, paraprofessionals and support personnel. More than 400 volunteers support the work of the agency as program volunteers, fund raisers, professional and community advisors.

## Recent News

The latest installment in the NYS Value Based Payment video series called, "VBP for Providers" has been linked to the [Webinars and Presentations page](#) on the DSRIP website. This video highlights how VBP will reshape our healthcare system and the important role providers play within VBP.

The [Medicaid Members section](#) of the DSRIP website has been updated with the Opt-Out letter/form translated into additional languages as well as the revised Opt-Out Process FAQs.

Approaches to Integrated Care - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), have been updated to address questions asked during the Integrated Services webinar held on July 14, 2016. The document is located on the DSRIP Webinars and Presentations webpage [here](#).

## Upcoming Events

### September 4

Independent Assessor provides feedback to PPS on PPS Year 2, First Quarterly Reports; 15-day Remediation window begins

### September 8

MAPP Provider Network tool closes for PPS to add providers

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*"Having a partnership with the SCC is precisely what is needed at this time to help us all move forward in delivering best practices for primary and behavioral health integrated care services in various medical practices.*

*We are honored to partner with the SCC." -Karen Boorshtein, President & CEO-Family Service League*

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