

# HOPE FOR PA

MENTAL HEALTH PRIORITIES

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## *\$40 Million for Public Safety*

### *CREATING SAFE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES*

**\$10 million** to fund crisis intervention services.

**\$10 million** to embed more social workers in police departments to aid in mental health crises and reduce the risk of death and/or incarceration for the individual in crisis.

**\$10 million** for more HUB models statewide like the Upper Merion Police Department HUB Program, to bring together community resources to address mental health needs.

**\$10 million** to provide more options and opportunities to keep people with mental health issues out of the criminal justice system.

## *\$30 Million for Provider & Capacity Shortages*

### *IMPROVING CARE*

**\$15 million** to fund more outpatient services, including telehealth initiatives, and to convert beds to create more capacity for inpatient care specifically for our youngest Pennsylvanians.

**\$10 million** to put mental health specialists in emergency departments accompanied by discharge planning to help people in the community connect with services, such as housing, transportation, and mental health services.

**\$5 million** towards pay rate increases for direct care workers at the county level. These individuals deserve a sustainable living wage that reflects their dedication to caring for our vulnerable populations.

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## *\$30 Million for Training, Education & Outreach*

### *HELPING MORE PEOPLE*

**\$10 million** towards education initiatives for medical providers who are not mental health specialists, both on mental health generally as well as helping primary providers build expertise with prescribing medications for issues such as anxiety and depression.

**\$10 million** for additional mental health education for physician extenders such as Physician Assistants and Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners.

**\$5 million** towards mental health training, such as Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), and awareness campaigns for police officers.

**\$5 million** to fund organizations who provide free legal counsel to individuals toward family law, housing, public benefits, and other significant legal needs.

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