

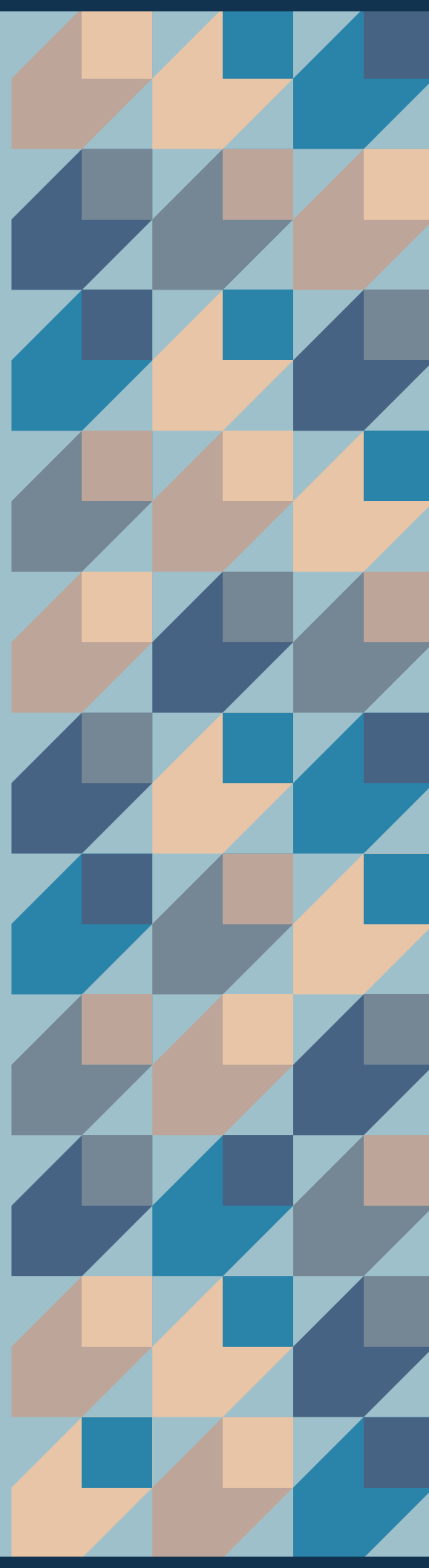


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and Research at New York University



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OUR MISSION

The NYU McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research is committed to disrupting generational poverty through research, policy, and action.

Established in 2007, the Institute is the brainchild of **Dr. Constance McCatherin Silver**, a New York University alumna and trustee who was determined to establish a top-notch research institute to not only contribute to the intellectual discourse but to also find solutions that would disrupt generational poverty in communities most affected by inequality and injustice.

McSilver recognizes the interrelatedness of race and poverty, and is dedicated to dismantling structural racism and all forms of systemic oppression. We collaborate with community stakeholders, policymakers, and service organizations to ensure our work is culturally and contextually appropriate.



NYU McSilver staff at the 2023 McSilver Awards

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

For McSilver, this past year was one of adapting to new and evolving opportunities and challenges. Many of the constituencies we serve are facing significant and intensifying adversity. Amid this uncertainty, we draw strength from their resilience and remain focused on our mission.

Our work reflected more than a decade's long commitment to harness world-class research and thought leadership that direct policy priorities and innovation in practice with the goal of sustainable and measurable change for communities impacted by poverty and inequality. I am proud to share some of McSilver's top achievements over the course of this year.

In response to the crisis of Black maternal health and mortality in New York, McSilver prioritized this critical issue as an additional area of focus to our research, policy, and service delivery.

In October, McSilver convened a legislative breakfast to bring together government officials, subject-matter experts, and medical professionals to discuss concrete ways to improve outcomes and better support Black maternal health. We were honored to be joined by NYS Senate Majority Leader [Andrea Stewart-Cousins](#) and NYC Council Speaker [Adrienne Adams](#), as well as elected officials and policymakers at the state and local level together with clinicians, advocates, and researchers for discussions on this public health crisis, the unique impact on Black women, recommendations for reducing disparities, a review of legislation that currently exist to address areas of need, while looking forward to upcoming legislative priorities.

The culmination of the legislative breakfast included an announcement regarding a partnership between the McSilver Institute and NYU Langone Health's Institute for Excellence in Health Equity to launch a unique fellowship aimed at advancing the promotion and practice of health equity, with a specific focus on Black maternal and reproductive health. This fellowship will drive forward a body of work that addresses the critical need to highlight and ameliorate disparities in healthcare outcomes and access, particularly among marginalized and underserved populations.

McSilver continued to be recognized at the forefront of innovative research and the advancement of training and technical assistance programming for New York State's mental and behavioral health provider community. This past year we were the recipient of a competitive \$35 million grant — our largest ever — awarded by the NYS Office of Mental Health to expand our training and technical assistance platform. The new Technical Assistance Center for Children's Behavioral Health promises to broaden our engagement with practitioners and service agencies, while affording new resources to deepen the quality of service delivery for young New Yorkers.

Additionally, we were honored to be part of an interdisciplinary team at NYU that was selected as one of the finalists for a highly competitive Vision Grant from the Spencer Foundation to establish a groundbreaking research initiative to better understand and address overlapping traumas that impact educational outcomes for marginalized youth. This will lead to recommendations for improved practice and policy opportunities.

As I look ahead to 2025, I remain immensely inspired by my colleagues at McSilver, our partners, and the communities we serve. Our annual report, which follows below, highlights in greater detail our impact and achievements. As always I am grateful for your continued support.



Rosemonde Pierre-Louis, Esq.



Executive Director
Rose Pierre-Louis

POLICY & INITIATIVES

McSilver is committed to bringing our thought-leadership and research insights to bear on sustainable policy positions that highlight areas of deep importance within the communities we serve.

In 2024, McSilver continued to develop programming in partnership with community, academic, and government partners around a number of areas of critical concern to our ongoing mission. Through panels, convenings, virtual meet-ups, and media advocacy McSilver helped give voice to issues directly impacting many of our most vulnerable neighbors and communities. Most importantly, these conversations and discussions became the catalyst for concrete solutions.

2024 Policy Highlights



From left: Assembly Member Michaelle Solages, Assembly Member Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn, New York State Senator Lea Webb, New York State Senator Samra Brouk, and NYC Council Member Farah Louis

BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH

The growing crisis of Black maternal health has emerged as a research and policy imperative for McSilver since the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the course of the past three years, we have devoted resources to support convenings with policymakers, researchers, and practitioners, culminating in 2024 with an in-depth legislative breakfast.

The “Saving Lives, Shaping Policy” convening featured opening remarks from New York State Senate Majority Leader [Andrea Stewart-Cousins](#) and NYC Council Speaker [Adrienne Adams](#), ahead of panel discussions that addressed the root causes of the crisis in Black maternal

health in New York, while State and City elected officials discussed their efforts to address the issue through legislation, in the recent past and going forward. At the event, we announced the search for a fellow to advance the promotion and practice of health equity, with a specific focus on Black maternal and reproductive health, through a joint research fellowship supported by the McSilver Institute and NYU Langone Health’s Institute for Excellence in Health Equity.

Our efforts in this area have also included forums with leading state legislators on this issue at the annual NYSABPRHAL 53rd Annual Legislative Conference in Albany on topics including innovations in Black maternal and perinatal mental health.

RESEARCH-DRIVEN ADVOCACY

In early 2024, NYU McSilver hosted a panel discussion of experts, clinicians, and advocates that delved into youth mental health in New York City. This convening centered on a panel discussion to identify challenges that typically affect children, youth, and their families — including exposure to trauma, the impact of COVID, and the social determinants of health. Focus areas included community education and involvement, access to supports, and the type and quality of those supports.

This forum was part of the “Equity Now and For Future Generations” series, designed to transcend a mere discussion of problems, using the dialogues to generate a series of policy recommendations for city government. The series was made possible through a partnership with New York City Council Member **Nantasha Williams** and centers from NYU including the Metropolitan Center for Research on Equity and the Transformation of Schools; the Research Alliance for New York City Schools; and the Center on Race, Inequality, and the Law at NYU School of Law.

Additional events in the series focused on equity issues in education and the justice system. McSilver has continued to partner with the Council Member’s office and our colleagues at NYU to help develop policy solutions that can form a legislative agenda in the City Council in the near future.

LIBRARY-BASED SOCIAL WORK

Found across the United States, library social workers have the potential to play a significant role in linking individuals directly to services within a trusted, safe community environment.

Last Spring, NYU McSilver’s Director of Evaluation, **Dr. Ashley Fuss**, moderated a virtual conversation with leading experts from across the country in library-based social work. This two-part conversation examined how libraries across the United States and here in New York have brought social workers into their branches, how that policy trend has developed in different places, and what the future of social workers in libraries may look like.

TRANSPORTATION EQUITY

NYU McSilver has become a recognized voice on issues of transportation equity and sustainability, following Executive Director **Rose Pierre-Louis’** work as co-chair of the Metropolitan Transit Authority’s (MTA) Blue-Ribbon Panel on Fare Evasion, and the release of its landmark report in May 2023.

Executive Director Pierre-Louis continued to speak out and be recognized as a leader on issues of fairness in the city’s transit system in 2024, alongside her panel co-chair, attorney **Roger Maldonado**. Pierre-Louis and Maldonado co-authored an op-ed for the *New York Daily News* that urged Albany lawmakers to move forward with recommendations from the 2023 report to address not only fare evasion but also fairness for subway riders.



New York City Council Member Rita Joseph (center) addresses co-panelists during a roundtable event focused on the public education system. The “Equity Now” roundtable series featured subject matter experts, as well as elected officials and NYC leaders.

BEYOND BOOKS

Supporting Social Workers in Libraries

<p>Jean Badalamenti DC Public Library</p>	<p>Robyn Berger-Gaston Family Service League</p>	<p>Julianna Black San Jose Public Library</p>
<p>Ashley Fuss New York University</p>	<p>Elissa Hardy University of Denver</p>	<p>Peter Allen Lee San Jose State University</p>
<p>Peggy Morton New York University</p>	<p>Margaret Ann Paauw Eastern Michigan University</p>	<p>Leah Topek-Walker Stony Brook University</p>

The May 6 “Beyond Books” event featured expert panelists from institutions across the United States.

McSilver Fellows-in-Residence

The McSilver Institute Fellowship-in-Residence engages nationally recognized social justice scholars and thought leaders across disciplines to conduct research projects, publish books and policy papers, conduct courses, and participate in seminars, conferences, and workshops. The incoming 2024 fellows — **Penny Abeywardena** and **Jeffrey Ginsburg** — were joined by the returning group of 2023 fellows.



Penny Abeywardena is a government leader and international affairs expert specializing in “soft power.” Penny Abeywardena has held executive leadership roles in philanthropy, non-profit, government, and multilateral institutions for more than 20 years. Her contributions have been recognized and celebrated by the United Nations, the World Economic Forum, and the French American Foundation, among others. She was recently appointed to the rank of Knight in France’s National Order of Merit by President Emmanuel Macron for her global leadership on diplomacy, human rights, and sustainability. Penny is a contributing columnist at Forbes on leadership strategies.



Jeffrey Ginsburg is the President & CEO of Volunteers of America Greater New York, among the largest and most effective organizations addressing the housing, homelessness, and mental health crises facing the region. Previously, Jeffrey was the longtime CEO of renowned educator East Harlem Tutorial Program (EHTP), as well as the CEO and Co-Founder of East Harlem Scholars Academies. In partnership with EHTP & Hunter College’s School of Education, Jeffrey also co-founded the East Harlem Teaching Residency. He remains on the Leadership Council to EHTP’s Board.



Chris Hemphill focuses on how data science can help us understand and improve the human condition. Chris is Director of Commercial Intelligence at Woebot Health, a role that combines data science with AI strategy for health systems and insurers. This work at the intersection of tech and strategy has a broader theme: working with healthcare leaders to drive ethical and effective decisions with AI and algorithms.



Ifeoma Ike, Esq. is an award-winning advocate, writer, and policy advisor focused on designing solutions to address disparities. Her first book, *The Equity Mindset: Designing Human Spaces Through Journeys, Reflections and Practices*, was published Fall 2023. She is the visionary behind the annual Black Policy Lab, a project birthed in response to racial uprisings, centering vision, joy, and collaborative policy creation, and the founder of the social impact firm Pink Cornrows.



Cathy Nonas, MS, CDN is an advocate for policies and practices that address health equity and nutrition. Since 2018, Cathy has been the CEO of Meals For Good Inc, a New York-based 501c3 public charity that supports underfunded food pantries with grants for fresh produce and works with community based organizations around the City to provide vouchers for local supermarkets, giving families agency over their own food while supporting small businesses as well.

RESEARCH

Research Highlights

A JOINT FELLOWSHIP TO PROMOTE EQUITY

In Fall 2024, the McSilver Institute and NYU Langone Health's Institute for Excellence in Health Equity (IEHE) launched a unique fellowship aimed at advancing the promotion and practice of health equity, with a specific focus on Black maternal and reproductive health.

This partnership combines the strengths of both institutes: by uniting McSilver's social and community-focused perspective with IEHE's clinical approach, the two-year funded fellowship seeks to drive meaningful advancements in health outcomes and contribute to the development of inclusive and effective practices.

SPENCER FOUNDATION VISION GRANT

The McSilver Institute, the Metropolitan Center for Research on Equity and the Transformation of Schools, and the Research Alliance for New York City Schools are the recipients of a prestigious and highly competitive Vision Grant from the Spencer Foundation to establish a groundbreaking research initiative to better understand and address overlapping traumas that impact educational outcomes for underserved youth in Southeast Queens.

CENTER ON CAUSAL DATA SCIENCE FOR CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MALTREATMENT PREVENTION (CHAMP CENTER)

The NYU Grossman School of Medicine, NYU Silver School, and the McSilver Institute, together with the University of Minnesota, received a \$7.6 million P50 Grant for the NICHD-funded CHAMP Center. The Center investigates the use of causal modeling to identify factors that lead to child maltreatment and its consequences — such as depression, suicidal behavior, or post-traumatic stress — and to identify targeted interventions to reduce risk.



Cross-institutional collaboration empowers the CHAMP Center to connect behavioral health advancements with the latest data science techniques.

Ongoing Research Projects

WECARE: INNOVATIVE SUICIDE PREVENTION

WeCare implements and studies the effectiveness of a system of care for Black youth that combines suicide risk screening with an intervention to help connect at-risk youth to quality service. Funded by a \$5.8 million R01 research grant from the National Institute of Mental Health, the study has been implemented by NYU McSilver and NYU Steinhardt in two NYC emergency departments: Kings County Hospital Center and NYC Health + Hospitals/Harlem.

THE AI HUB AT MCSILVER

Created in 2021 through a gift from [Martin Silver](#) and [Dr. Constance McCatherin Silver](#), the AI Hub investigates how artificial intelligence-driven systems can be used to equitably address poverty and challenges relating to race and public health, and to provide thought leadership on the implications.

The AI Hub uses machine learning's tremendous potential to help experts, government officials, researchers, and others tackle complicated social issues. The team is actively developing innovative tools for researchers, experts, and policymakers to work more effectively with data around Black youth suicide, which remains an ongoing research and policy priority for NYU McSilver.

SAFE MOTHERS, SAFE CHILDREN (SMSC)

The SMSC project supports women and families navigating child welfare systems via a trauma-informed approach. The study receives funding of \$3.5 million over 5 years from the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

Working in partnership with six preventive services programs across the city, SMSC's therapeutic model has shown to be highly effective in reducing symptoms of PTSD in mothers and restoring essential mother-child bonds. The program is currently serving nearly three dozen clients, and more than 180 families have completed treatment since the program began.



78%

of enrolled mothers no longer met the criteria for PTSD after treatment, according to published study data.



85%

of enrolled mothers no longer met the criteria for depression after treatment, according to published study data.

TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The McSilver Institute is the leading provider of training and technical assistance for all mental health and substance use disorder agencies in New York State, as well as infant and early childhood mental health providers throughout New York City. Through training, consultation, and educational resources, our centers provide far-reaching support to the entire mental health service system here in New York, and beyond.

We work directly with our state and city partners to translate public mental health priorities into real-world implementation and application, ensuring that evidenced-based practices and other new knowledge vital to systems of care are correctly and effectively adopted by behavioral health professionals. The centers operate at every level, offering resources, targeting organizational leadership, program directors, and frontline staff. Through innovation and best practices, the centers help providers raise the quality of care delivered to vulnerable individuals and communities in need.

The Community Technical Assistance Center of New York (CTAC)

Goal: Offer quality training and technical assistance to behavioral health agencies across New York State

Center for Workforce Excellence (CWE)

Goal: Support New York State clinicians serving youth and families with training and certification in three evidence-based practices

The YouthACT Technical Assistance Center (YTAC)

Goal: Train and support teams across New York State working to implement Youth Assertive Community Treatment programs for youth and families

Multiple Technical Assistance Centers are now united as the Children's Center.

INTRODUCING THE CHILDREN'S CENTER

This past year saw significant development of McSilver's work ensuring the highest and most effective quality care for youth and children in New York State. A \$35 million grant from the NYS Office of Mental Health has allowed us to bring our Community Technical Assistance Center, Center for Workforce Excellence, and YouthACT Technical Assistance Center together under a single banner.

The newly funded Technical Assistance Center for Children's Behavioral Health Providers (Children's Center) will raise the bar of mental and behavioral health services for youth across the state, by integrating related platforms and expertise that power industry-leading technical assistance.

The Children's Center retains the core objectives of the three centers, while leveraging greater coordination to broaden the scope and reach of support. Providers across New York will have increased access to evidence-based educational opportunities and programmatic support to continue to elevate care for clients. This will include providers working to implement Youth Assertive Community Treatment (YouthACT) programs for youth and families in New York, as well as other youth-focused training and technical assistance for community-based organizations.

ELEVATING THE BAR FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ACROSS NEW YORK

As one arm of the Children's Center, the Community Technical Assistance Center (CTAC) focuses on developing best practices, training, and support in three key professional areas: strengthening core competencies, building skills related to trauma and resilience among clients, and the social factors that impact individual mental health.

CTAC offers high quality, free, and easily accessible training, resources, and tools to all youth- and family-serving mental and behavioral health providers in New York State. This allows care providers to attain needed professional development at no cost. In 2024, through 690 events, McSilver-led Technical Assistance Centers reached 620 organizations – an audience of 10,763 members, providing training and technical assistance to 56% of all New York State agencies.

CTAC is joined at the Children's Center by NYU McSilver's Center for Workforce Excellence (CWE). CWE works to help implement a \$1 billion investment in mental health by New York State through training and support initially around three evidence-based practices: Functional Family Therapy, Parent-Child Interaction Therapy, and Multidimensional Family Therapy. Integrating these practices can be time-consuming and cost-prohibitive, making doing so a challenge for those with resource constraints as so many community-based organizations do.

CWE also promotes the exploration and implementation of promising practices in children's mental health through the Innovations Lab. There are numerous interventions that are known to be effective and well-researched, while not having the status of an evidence-based practice. One such intervention, Attachment, Regulation and Competence, was developed to address the needs of children and youth and their parents or caregivers impacted by complex trauma, an area of need in children's mental health research. CWE's Innovations Lab is dedicated to bringing such practices forward to address gaps in the research base and to meet the needs of historically marginalized or underserved communities.

PARTNERING TO SUPPORT HIGH-NEED YOUNG PEOPLE IN NEW YORK STATE

YouthACT is an intensive youth-focused therapeutic model that incorporates numerous services and supports, to keep youth and families engaged. Teams partner with young people who are at risk of entering residential or inpatient psychiatric treatment to receive services while remaining with their families and in their communities.

NYU McSilver's YouthACT Technical Assistance Center (YTAC) works directly with NYS OMH to support 20 teams working with more than 300 young people across New York State. Along with OMH, YTAC provides YouthACT teams with training, consultation, and implementation support to deliver intensive, highly-coordinated, individualized, community-based services to youth and young adults who have experienced significant mental health challenges or psychiatric needs alongside their families.

This past year was a continuation of growth for YTAC, which saw it reach a 43 percent increase in the number of teams supported since its start. This has led to an increase in the amount of support being provided, both overall and in frequency. The ongoing feedback process from work in the field is also being integrated into the evolution of core training for leaders of YouthACT teams to provide greater support for both practitioners and families.

SUPPORTING NYC FAMILIES FROM BEFORE BIRTH TO EARLY CHILDHOOD

The NYC Early Childhood Mental Health Training and Technical Assistance Center (TTAC) works with the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to change the way providers address perinatal health, maternal mortality, and early childhood mental health. In partnership with the New York Center for Child Development, TTAC provides mental health providers working within New York City's expansive early childhood care environment with training aimed at elevating the standard of care for children and their families.

Mental health conditions are a leading underlying cause of maternal mortality in NYC. Our expanded training portfolio provides certifications in a number of evidence-based interventions for the NYC Health Department's growing perinatal workforce. We have developed a robust mental health curriculum for nurses, doulas, home visitors, community health workers, and other professionals supporting pregnant individuals and new families, equipping them to identify and respond to mental health needs effectively.

From left: Shirley Berger, Evelyn Blanck, Renee Smith, Fatima Kadik, Laura Louison, and Marnie Davidoff at a TTAC networking event on April 5, 2024



In April 2024, we celebrated the official launch of our perinatal expansion with a networking event that brought together staff from our Early Childhood Mental Health Network clinics and our newly engaged perinatal audience. Additionally, TTAC's annual conference in June focused on the vital role of perinatal and parental mental health in building resilience and supporting the social-emotional well-being of infants and young children, integrating insights from clinical practice, research, and policy.

EXPANDING THE USE OF PEER SUPPORTS FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Peer services are increasingly seen as vital supports within mental health service systems, allowing those with similar background and life experiences to engage with individuals in need on a unique level. The Peer Support Services Technical Assistance Center (PeerTAC) is focused on the expansion of peer support within mental health organizations. In partnership with the New York State Office of Mental Health and Rutgers University, McSilver has built up PeerTAC to deliver training, technical assistance, and consultation to providers across the state.

Last year, PeerTAC continued to grow through online and in-person trainings and support to reach over a thousand mental health providers and peer advocates/specialists. In particular, the program focused on the addition of peer support to Mental Health Outpatient Treatment and Rehabilitative Services (MHOTRS) clinical services.

TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

In 2024, PeerTAC initiated a learning collaborative alongside Rutgers University and Families Together NYS that brought together 19 MHOTRS clinics in the state for a five-month intensive training to support bringing peer support services to participants, from youth to older adults. Each clinic had a team join the learning collaborative to take part in self-assessments for readiness, training webinars, and action planning.

AIDING PROVIDERS IN THEIR SERVICE OF MEDICAID RECIPIENTS

The Managed Care Technical Assistance Center of New York (MCTAC) is focused on helping behavioral health providers in New York navigate the Medicaid landscape to provide the highest level of service to the clients with whom they work.

The MCTAC team helps those operating within these systems, which includes government partners, managed care plans, health care systems, electronic health records, trade and advocacy organizations, and agencies. One such program is known as a certified community behavioral health clinic (CCBHC). They help people improve participant's health by making it easier to get into treatment, and keep people from going into the hospital when they don't need hospital care. CCBHCs serve anyone who walks through the door, regardless of their diagnosis and insurance status.

MCTAC works closely with OMH and NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) to expand CCBHC clinics. In 2024 NY State approved 13 new CCBHCs with another 13 CCBHCs slotted to start in 2025. This past year MCTAC worked with OMH and OASAS to develop and implement learning collaboratives that allowed new and existing CCBHCs to participate.

PROGRAM EVALUATION

McSilver's evaluation department partners with community-based organizations to help them demonstrate the impact of their work. Our evaluation process helps organizations use data to demonstrate who they serve, what they do, and the direct impact of their work on the individuals and families that they serve. This allows our partners to be data-driven as they continue to develop their mission.



In 2024, McSilver began a three-year partnership with The Institute for Community Living (ICL), which provides comprehensive support like housing, health care, and recovery services to people facing complex mental and behavioral health challenges.

McSilver is now engaged to evaluate ICL's Step-down Treatment Ensures Personal Success (STEPS) pilot program, a first-of-its-kind step-down model for individuals enrolled in two specific high-intensity programs for individuals with serious mental and behavioral health challenges, including justice and other kinds of systems involvement. NYU McSilver is serving as the third-party evaluation partner for the STEPS program to assess, understand, and evaluate the program's effectiveness at the individual and program level, towards the goal of sustainability.

NEWS & EVENTS

Throughout 2024, McSilver made an impact with public forums and events, new partnerships and initiatives, and the release of podcasts and publications. The timeline below summarizes some of the most important news and event highlights of McSilver's ongoing work to challenge harmful narratives, advance new thinking and inspire positive change.

JANUARY 5 **Developing AI Policy**

The *New York Daily News* publishes "A regional strategy for ethical AI," an op-ed co-authored by McSilver Executive Director [Rose Pierre-Louis](#) and U.S. Representative [Adriano Espaillat](#).

JANUARY 11 **New York State Announces Investment in Evidence-Based Practices**

The New York State Office of Mental Health announced a \$4.3 million investment in evidence-based behavioral health training and technical assistance, launching the McSilver-operated Center for Workforce Excellence in Evidence Based Practices (CWE).

JANUARY 16 **Equity Roundtable: Youth Mental Health**

[Dr. James Rodriguez](#), McSilver's Senior Director for Clinical Initiatives, moderated a panel with [Evelyn Blanck](#) (NYCCD), [Dr. Lena Green](#) (The HOPE Center), [Eboné Carrington](#) (Manatt Health), [Dr. Denise Leung](#) (Columbia University), [Maria Fuentes](#) (NYU McSilver), and [Onyx Walker](#) (Families Together NYS) to spark a conversation aimed at addressing the ongoing crisis in youth mental health. New York City Council Members [Erik Bottcher](#), [Linda Lee](#), [Kevin Riley](#), and [Nantasha Williams](#) — as well as other City officials — participated in the roundtable, the second in a set of three equity-focused events.



Dr. James Rodriguez moderated a panel exploring the complex issue of youth mental health, including expert voices in mental health research, service delivery, peer support, and advocacy.

FEBRUARY 27 **McSilver and NYU Langone Institute Partner on Health Disparities**

McSilver and the NYU Langone Health Institute for Excellence in Health Equity (IEHE) announced a strategic partnership focused on addressing disparities related to poverty and Black maternal and child health, through research, innovation, and policy.

MARCH 8 **Equity Roundtable: Criminal Justice Reform**

McSilver supported the final equity roundtable, engaging policymakers, experts, and impacted stakeholders on the need for transformative pretrial and parole justice. [Jason D. Williamson](#), Executive Director of the Center on Race, Inequality, and the Law at NYU School of Law, moderated a dynamic panel.

NEWS & EVENTS

MARCH 13 **New Grant Awarded to Address the Impact of Trauma on Learning**

The McSilver Institute, the Metropolitan Center for Research on Equity and the Transformation of Schools, and the Research Alliance for New York City Schools received a prestigious \$75,000 Vision Grant from the Spencer Foundation to establish a groundbreaking research initiative to understand and address overlapping traumas that impact educational outcomes for marginalized youth.

MARCH 28 **Reflecting on Juvenile Justice Progress**



From left: Dr. Linda Lausell Bryant, Dr. Elise Cappella, Dr. Shabnam Javdani, Jeannette Pai-Espinosa, Ronald E. Richter, and Rose Pierre-Louis

The NYU Cross-Cutting Initiative on Inequality, the McSilver Institute, and the Institute of Human Development and Social Change at NYU Steinhardt co-sponsored “The Kids Are (Not) Alright: Lessons and Opportunities 50 Years After JJDPA,” a reflective and forward-looking forum marking the anniversary of the landmark Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA).

MAY **Vital Conversations at the Intersection of Mental Health and Policy**

During Mental Health Awareness Month, the McSilver Institute introduced three new episodes of the ongoing *People, Perspectives, and Policy* podcast. McSilver Innovation and Implementation Officer **Dr. Anthony Salerno**, McSilver Deputy Executive Director **Dr. Andrew Cleek**, and McSilver Senior Director of Innovation and Education **Dr. Kara Dean-Assael** interviewed a variety of public health and mental wellness experts.

MAY 6 **Beyond Books: Supporting Social Workers in Libraries**



Dr. Margaret Ann Paauw offered a national overview of library-based social work before the two panel discussions.

The McSilver Institute convened two virtual panels featuring national experts in library-based social work. McSilver’s Director of Evaluation **Dr. Ashley Fuss** moderated a dynamic conversation exploring how libraries across the country and here in New York brought social workers into branches, how the policy trend differs from region to region, and how the future of social workers in libraries may take shape.

OCTOBER 24 **Shaping Maternal Health Policy to Save Lives**

On October 24, top New York legislators and leaders in policy, academia, healthcare, and maternal health advocacy took the stage for “Saving Lives, Shaping Policy,” a multipart forum convened by McSilver to dig into the root causes of the crisis in Black maternal health in New York and discuss ongoing efforts to address the issue through legislation. After remarks by New York State Senate Majority Leader **Andrea Stewart-Cousins**, NYC Council Speaker **Adrienne Adams**, NYC Equity and Racial Justice Commissioner **Sideya Sherman**, Greater New York Chapter of the Links President **DeNora Getachew**, and McSilver Executive Director **Rose Pierre-Louis**, author and journalist **Eboni K. Williams** moderated two dynamic panels.

While the first panel featured health experts knowledgeable about the quality of and access to maternal care, the second panel convened City and State elected and government officials for insight into key legislative priorities — New York State Senators **Samra G. Brouk** and **Lea Webb**, New York Assembly Members **Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn** and **Michaelle C. Solages**, New York City Council Member **Farah N. Louis**, and NYC Her Future Executive Director **Nathifa Forde** described personal connections to the issue, recent policy achievements, and how to move forward.

Eboni K. Williams (speaking at center) moderated both the expert panel and the discussion with legislators.



Sideya Sherman, New York City's Chief Equity Officer and Commissioner, spoke before the series of panels.



From left: NYS Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, DeNora Getachew, NYC Council Speaker Adrienne Adams, and Rose Pierre-Louis

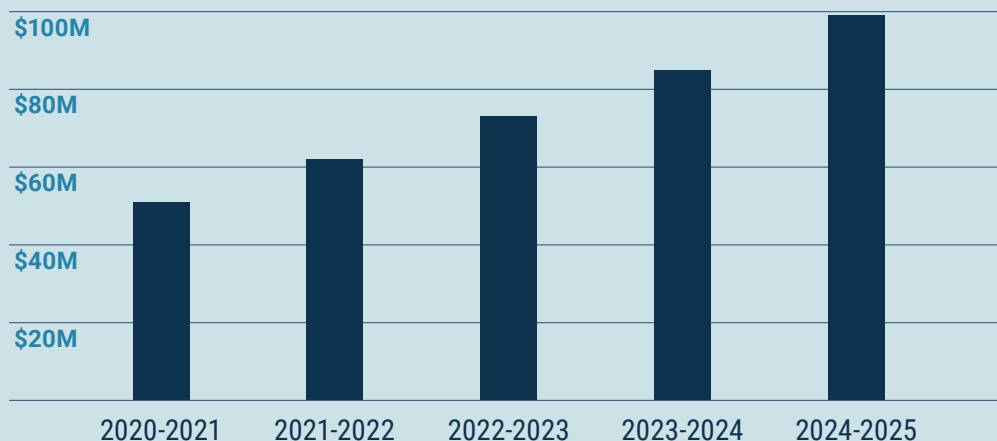
FACTS & FIGURES

An Engine for Research and Change

As one of the largest research departments at New York University, the McSilver Institute is at the forefront of advancing knowledge and creating solutions to address poverty and social justice. McSilver thrives with a diverse team of smart, dedicated individuals: **50+ full-time employees** work collaboratively across research, policy, and practice.

Our interdisciplinary team includes researchers, social workers, data scientists, and public health experts, and we leverage this collective brainpower to drive change. In McSilver's dynamic environment, staff are encouraged to collaborate, learn, and innovate.

Accumulated Annual Funding from 2020 to 2024



Major Funding Sources

EXTERNAL FUNDING SOURCES AWARDED IN 2024

Federal Government Grants and Contracts: **\$2,868,073**

City and State Contracts: **\$9,008,545**

Miscellaneous Income: **\$1,444,010**

Foundations and Public-Private Partnerships: **\$442,000**

ALL EXTERNAL FUNDING OVER TIME

Total amount awarded in grants and other external funding since the establishment of the McSilver Institute:

\$99.6 million

Partners

BENEFACTORS

Constance and Martin Silver

FOUNDATIONS

Child Welfare Fund

Dreiseszun Family Foundation

Help for Children

New York Community Trust

Spencer Foundation

GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

National Institutes of Health

New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH)

New York State Office of Addiction Services
and Supports (OASAS)

New York City Administration for Children's
Services

New York City Commission on
Gender Equity

New York City Department of
Health & Mental Hygiene

NYC Her Future

NON-PROFITS, ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, AND CORPORATIONS

Alliance Health

Andrus

Child Welfare Fund

Coordinated Behavioral Care

Non-profits, Academic Institutions and
Corporations Continued

Coordinated Care Services, Inc.

Center for Practice Innovations/Research
Foundation for Mental Health

Families Together & Youth Power of New
York State

FPWA

Functional Family Therapy, LLC

InUnity Alliance

Mercer

NAMI NYC Metro

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