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## Preserve WNY Children's Psychiatric Center

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The WNY Children's Psychiatric Center (WNYCPC), opened in 1970, is a 46 bed inpatient psychiatric hospital. As part of the NYS OMH's "Centers of Excellence Plan" WNYCPC is scheduled to lose 10 inpatient beds. WNYCPC's inpatient children and youth will be moved to 2 inpatient wards at the Buffalo Psychiatric Center. This is the only facility in OMH's plan that will have children and youth moving to co-mingle with the adult psychiatric population.

A petition has been started to encourage Governo Cuomo and the NYS OMH to keep WNYCPC in West Seneca and to keep the children and youth from co-mingling with the adults.

You can join them by signing the petition at: <http://www.change.org/petitions/nys-governor-andrew-cuomo-preserve-wny-children-s-psychiatric-center-wnycpc-as-a-center-of-excellence-in-west-seneca-for-wny-children-youth-and-their-families-battling-serious-mental-illness>