

# NEW YORKERS NEED AFFORDABLE MENTAL HEALTH CARE

# NEW YORKERS WANT CREATIVE ARTS THERAPY

# EXPAND ACCESS NOW!

**A9018/S8715 Bronson/Brouk** Authorizes Licensed Creative Arts Therapists to bill Medicaid directly for psychotherapy.

**A6173/S6362 Bronson/Brouk** Authorizes that commercial insurance plans provide benefits for outpatient mental health services by Licensed Creative Arts Therapists pursuant to Article 163 of the education law (est. in 2005) and within their lawful scope of practice as psychotherapists.



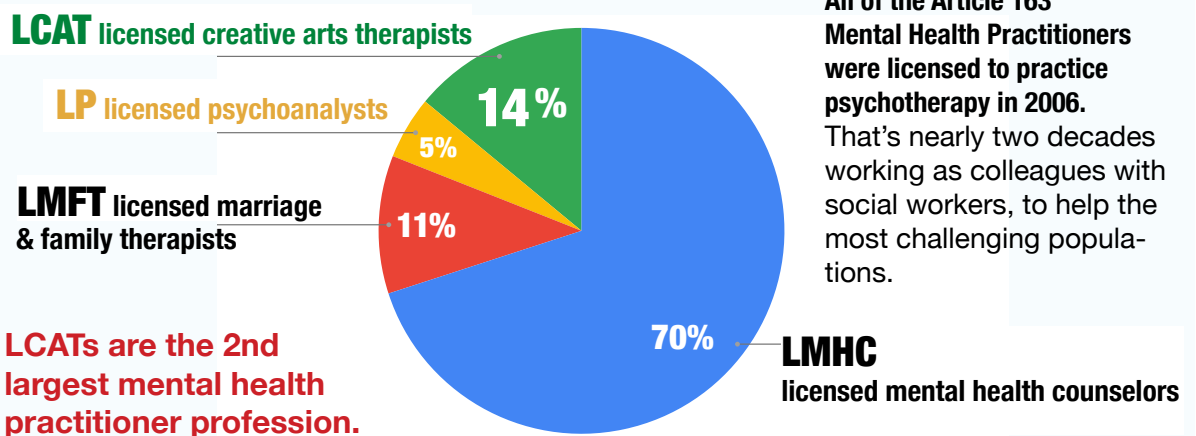
## Why do New Yorkers choose LCATs for their therapy?

*LCATs have specialized training to work with children who are developmentally more responsive to play and creative arts methods in mental health treatment.*

*In the aftermath of traumatic events LCATs are experienced responders for collective tragedies like 9/11, Hurricane Sandy, and Newtown, as well as for individual survivors of domestic violence, abuse, and PTSD.*

*LCATs are often the therapist of choice for people who want treatment that aligns with their culture and values, has less stigma, or can provide avenues for accessing unspeakable trauma that feels impossible to put into words in traditional talk therapy.*

## Distribution of NYS Licensed Mental Health Practitioners



The entire profession of 2,159 Licensed Creative Arts Therapists (LCAT) was omitted from two critical mental health access laws in 2021 and 2022.