

# Behavioral Health Provider Listening Session

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

# Agenda

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Who</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Welcome</b></li><li>• <b>Section updates</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Teresa Claycamp &amp; Enos Mbajah</li><li>• Section Managers</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Legislative Updates</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kim Wright</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Questions</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All</li></ul>

# DBHR Updates: SUD Prevention/MH Promotion

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## ▶ ***Starts with ONE*** campaign

- ▶ *Fred Meyer* is officially joining the Pharmacy Program! They have 60 pharmacies in Washington spanning across 43 cities and 12 counties, increasing participating pharmacies to over 70!

## ▶ **Prevention funding opportunity paused until further notice**

- ▶ Updates will be made on the Athena Forum  
<https://theathenaforum.org/headlines/current-funding-opportunities>

## ▶ **2025 WA State Spring Youth Forum**

- ▶ Planning for the 2025 conference is underway!
- ▶ Youth Teams are should continue their prevention projects and should plan to apply late February to early March.
- ▶ Tentative dates for this year's conference are **Tuesday, May 6 and Wednesday, May 7.**

# DBHR updates: Prenatal - 25

## ▶ Kids Mental Health Washington (KMHWA)

- ▶ Partners: Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organizations, Kids Mental Health Pierce County, and Developmental Disabilities Administrations
- ▶ Setting up three regions per year to implement services
- ▶ 8 of the 10 regions are fully implemented, 2 are finalizing their initial development process to establish delivery of services
- ▶ Highlights (2023-4)
  - ▶ 497+ youth served through Multidisciplinary teams (MDTs) and consultations
  - ▶ 77,674 unique/unduplicated website visitors
  - ▶ More than 183 steering committee members guide the work across the state
  - ▶ Shared the program with 493 webinar attendees in 2023-4
  - ▶ Who was served:
    - ➔ Youth referred to the program ranged from ages 1-20
    - ➔ Average age of children and youth served is 13 or younger.

[Learn more about KMHWA](#)

- ▶ Washington Thriving, (formerly the P-25 Strategic Plan Advisory Group) community engagement – statewide effort to develop a behavioral health strategic plan for Washingtonians prenatal through age 25 and their caregivers

### Level 1

[Contact the team  
and join the  
mailing list](#)

### Level 2

[Join discussions  
and engagement  
opportunities](#)

### Level 3

- Invite us to an upcoming meeting or event
- Explore and share the [Washington Thriving](#) website for resources and events
- [Contact the project team](#)

# DBHR updates: Recovery Support Services

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- The new training for Certified Peer Specialists will launch March 2025
- ▶ "Supervision of Peer Specialist Training" will be held February 25th and 26th in SeaTac.
  - ▶ This training is for Certified Peer Counselors and soon, Certified Peer Specialists
  - ▶ Priority is given to CPC/CPSs who are currently supervising peers
  - ▶ Additional training dates will be announced
  - ▶ Reach out to [amanda.polley@hca.wa.gov](mailto:amanda.polley@hca.wa.gov) for registration information
- ▶ Additional information on the new profession of Certified Peer Specialists can be found [here](#).

# DBHR updates: Adult and Involuntary Services

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- ▶ We are accepting endorsement applications from Mobile Rapid Response and Community-Based Crisis Teams through January 31, 2025.

# DBHR updates: Diversion and Reentry

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- ▶ Foundational Community Supports (FCS) Hospital Liaisons are attending New Employee Orientation at state hospitals next week and will be working with discharge social workers to increase the number of people able to access FCS services immediately after discharge.
- ▶ As a part of the Phase 3 Trueblood Implementation Plan, HCA and Commerce released an RFP to add 16 crisis stabilization beds to the Thurston-Mason region. The RFP application deadline was recently extended to Feb 28th.

# DBHR updates: Adult Substance Use and Treatment Section

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- ▶ **New Grant Award** *BJA FY24 Comprehensive Opioid Stimulant and Substance Use Programs: Addressing the needs of individuals who use drugs across the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM)*
  - ▶ WA was one of 6 states to be awarded this competitive \$7M, 3-year grant through the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance
  - ▶ This grant will involve implementation of several projects across the state to address substance use, criminality, and the overdose crisis at every point along the SIM
- ▶ **Addictions, Drug & Alcohol Institute Training Series** *Caring for Patients with Opioid Use Disorder in the Era of Fentanyl*
  - ▶ This interactive 4-part webinar series will feature presentations and dynamic discussions on a range of topics, including medications for OUD in pregnancy, managing precipitated withdrawal, breaking barriers to methadone, and considerations for tapering.
  - ▶ This series is for anyone in WA State involved in treating people with OUD. All disciplines are welcome.
  - ▶ [Register here](#) First Wed of Feb, May, Aug, & Nov | 12-1:30pm PT



# What questions do you have for DBHR?

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**You are also welcome to send your questions  
or comments to  
[Sandra.Mena-Tyree@hca.wa.gov](mailto:Sandra.Mena-Tyree@hca.wa.gov).**



# 2025 Behavioral Health Legislative Overview

# Behavioral Health budget priorities and policy bills

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BEHAVIORAL  
HEALTH COVERAGE



WORKFORCE AND  
TRANSPORTATION



TREATMENT  
SUPPORTS



CRISIS SYSTEM  
ENHANCEMENTS



CHILDREN AND  
YOUTH



PREVENTION

# Governor Inslee's budget priorities

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- ▶ Blake projects and programs
- ▶ Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic's (CCBHC's)
- ▶ Trueblood Phase 4

# Behavioral health legislation

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- ▶ **SB 5242:** Establishing an interactive screening program to improve access to behavioral health resources for health care providers.
- ▶ **HB 1469 / SB 5361:** Requiring HCA and OIC to delay adoption of the updated ASAM Criteria, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, until January 2028.
- ▶ **HB 1282:** Addressing the disclosure of health information for care coordination.

# HB 1218

- ▶ Governor Inslee's request legislation re: Trueblood
- ▶ Concerning persons referred for competency evaluation and restoration services.



# Corrections and issues impacting justice-involved individuals

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- ▶ **SB 5031:** Concerning health care coordination regarding confined individuals.
- ▶ **SB 5139:** Concerning reentry council.
- ▶ **HB 1113:** Concerning accountability and access to services for individuals charged with a misdemeanor.

# Youth, young adult, and student behavioral health (school-based services)


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- ▶ **SB 5082:** Creating a housing assistance program for youth enrolled in extended foster care.
- ▶ **SB 5126:** Establishing a statewide network for student mental and behavioral health.
- ▶ **HB 1272:** Extending the program to address complex cases of children in crisis.





**SB 5083 /  
HB 1123**

- ▶ HCA agency request legislation
  - ▶ Ensuring access to primary care, behavioral health, and affordable hospital services.
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# Problem gambling

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- ▶ **HB 1222/SB 5196:** Concerning public inspection and copying of proprietary financial and security information submitted to or obtained by the gambling commission.
- ▶ **HB 1362:** Creating a gambling treatment diversion court pilot program to be conducted by the administrative office of the courts.

# Community & public safety

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- ▶ **SSB 5098:** Restricting the possession of weapons on the premises of state or local public buildings, parks or playground facilities where children are likely to be present, and county fairs and county fair facilities.
- ▶ **HB 1220:** Concerning appropriate response to assaults by individuals in behavioral health crisis.
- ▶ **SSB 5067:** Concerning impaired driving.
- ▶ **HB 1146:** Improving access and removing barriers to voting in jails and state hospitals.



# Questions?

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