
Office of Community Voices and Empowerment



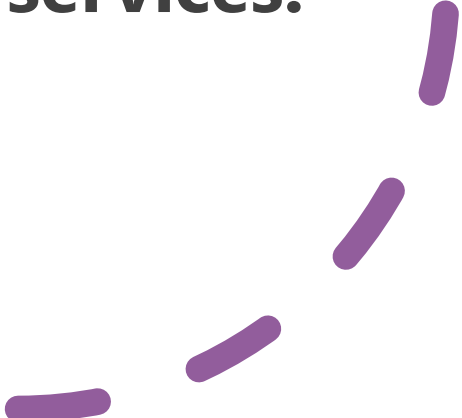
Health Care Authority
Community Voices and Empowerment

A brief history





Ambassadors of hope and agents of change

- ▶ **As Ambassadors of Hope and Agents of Change we work as a collaborative group of people using our lived and living expertise to identify challenges and create opportunities to inform policies, practices and resources for statewide behavioral health services.**
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Foundational

Core values: **Advocacy**

Equity focused

Embedding voice and choice

Solutions minded

Pillars: **Dignity**

Integrity

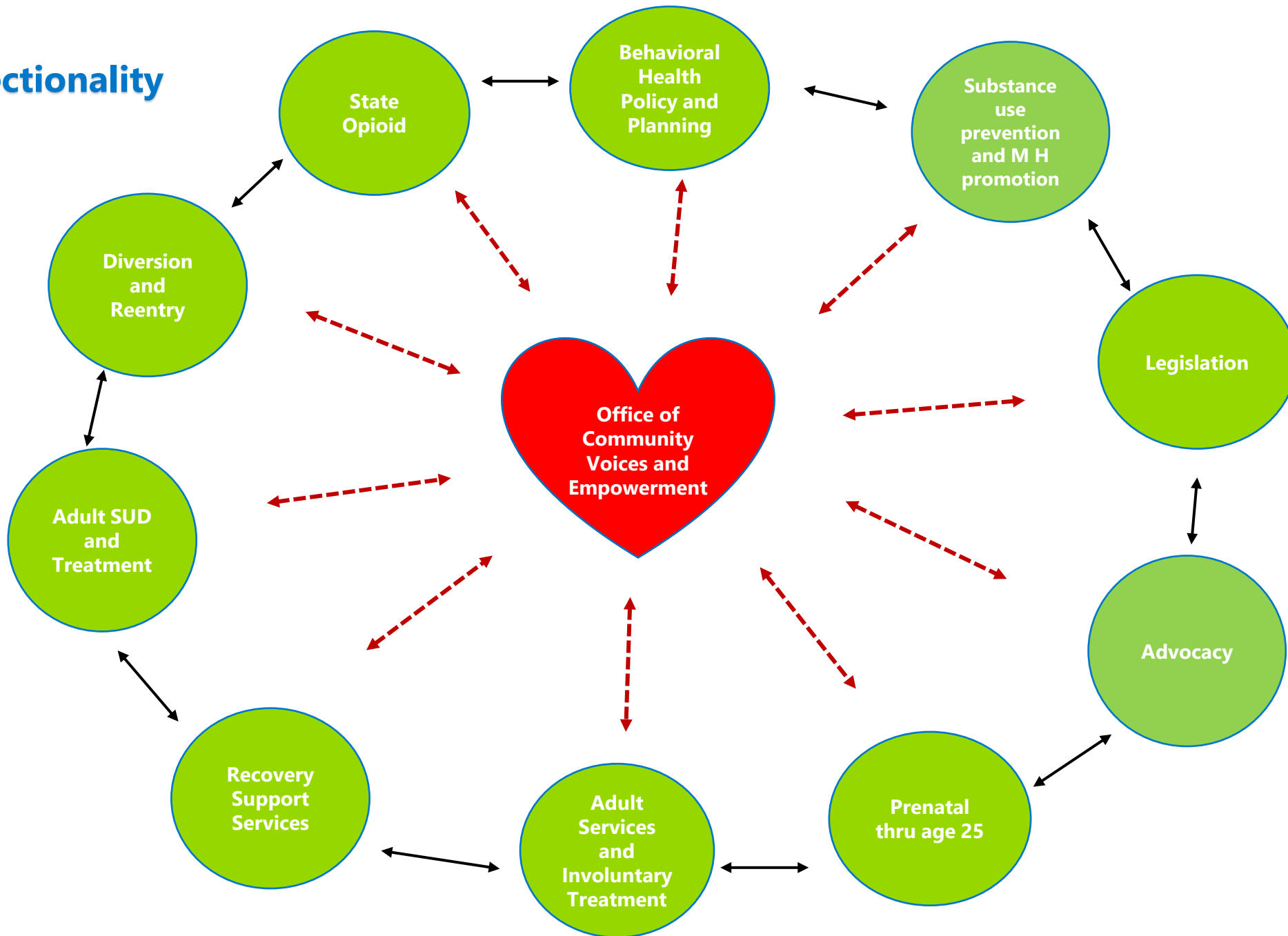
Transparency

Social purpose

Relationships and creating a presence

Existing	Maintaining existing
Repairing	Repairing strained and broken
Forging	Forging new
Creating	Creating a statewide presence

Intersectionality



The work we do: Advocacy



- ▶ **Peer Advocacy and Engagement Trainings, Events, Resources and Community Capacity Building**
- ▶ **Substance Use Disorder(SUD) Advocacy and Engagement Trainings, Events, Resources and Community Capacity Building**
- ▶ **Lived and Living Expertise Advocacy and Engagement Trainings, Events, Resources and Community Capacity Building**
- ▶ **WA SPEAKS Lived Experience Speakers' Program**

The work we do: Leadership



- ▶ **Lived and Living Expertise Community Leadership Summits**
- ▶ **Lived and Living Expertise Transformational Leadership Cohorts**
- ▶ **Statewide Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Community Leadership Retreats**
- ▶ **Office of Community Voices and Empowerment Advisory Committee**

The work we do: Programs, training, and support



- ▶ **Racialized Communities Behavioral Health Accessibility Surveys**
- ▶ **Substance Use Disorder (SUD)/Mental Health (MH)/Co Occurring (COD) Integration Surveys**
- ▶ **Cultural Inclusion in Peer Support: Compassion in Action**
- ▶ **Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP)**
- ▶ **Small Business and Community-Based Organizations support and mentoring**
- ▶ **Office of Behavioral Health and Advocacy (OBHA)- Support and Guidance**

The work we do: Agency focused



- ▶ **Agency Menti Survey on Recovery and Wellness**
- ▶ **Recovery SynERgy Agency Employee Resource group (ERG)**
- ▶ **Agency Lived and Living Experience Community Building**
- ▶ **Agency lived Expertise Community Engagement Support and Mentorship for Sibling Agencies**
- ▶ **Agency Health Equity Liaison**
- ▶ **Agency Diversity Equity Inclusion and Belonging Policy Workgroups**
- ▶ **Agency Pro Equity Anti Racists Policy Workgroups**
- ▶ **Agency Behavioral Health Workforce Development workgroups**
- ▶ **Agency Chair Statewide Say It Out Loud (SIOL) Conference (2S+LGBTQIA)**

The future work we will do



- ▶ **2S+LGBTQIA Behavioral Health Accessibility Survey**
- ▶ **English as an Additional Language (EAAL) Wellness and Recovery Events**
- ▶ **Wellness Coach Training Project**
- ▶ **eCPR (emotional CPR) training Pilot**
- ▶ **Peer Sibling Support Project**
- ▶ **Agency Inclusion Policy for Persons with Lived and Living Expertise**
- ▶ **Behavioral Health Community Engagement Toolkit**
- ▶ **DBHR Community Engagement Learning Circle**
- ▶ **Behavioral Health Community Collaborative Sharing Space**
- ▶ **OCVE Statewide Expansion**

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