

## Transforming Children's Behavioral Health: Community Working Group

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**WE NEED YOU!** Nevada is making major changes over the next few years, including investing over \$200 million, in the state's mental health system to improve Medicaid-covered services for children, including those in foster care. Please see the <u>summary</u> for details. **Input from our community is critical to the success of this work.** There are two ways that community members can get involved: (1) apply to join our Working Group and/or (2) attend our Community Meetings.

JOIN THE WORKING GROUP. Please join to share your experiences with what is working and what needs to improve. This includes providing feedback on all Medicaid changes and new programs. We'll use your ideas to help improve children's behavioral health across Nevada. We need at least 20 people with representation from the following groups:

- Youth with experience in Nevada's care systems (e.g. behavioral health, foster care, juvenile justice, and/or residential systems).
- **Parents and Caregivers** with experience navigating the behavioral health system in Nevada for children or family members covered by Medicaid. All biological, adoptive, kinship and foster/resource family members are welcome to apply.
- **Providers**, such as mental health professionals, Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics, hospitals, psychiatric residential treatment facilities, and home or community-based providers of behavioral health services.
- Provider Organizations, including provider associations.
- Tribal Health Providers or Organizations
- **Counties,** including Washoe, Clark, and rural counties.
- Advocacy and Non-Profit groups, including legal aid and groups representing consumers, families, and/or children in Nevada.
- School health services, including school officials or others who provide school health services



• State agencies, such as Dept. Of Corrections, Dept. Of Child and Family Services, Dept. Of Education, Dept. Of Public and Behavioral Health, Aging and Disability Services, and judicial system representatives.

The working group will kick off on **Wednesday, October 23**<sup>rd</sup> from 4-5pm and will meet virtually every month thereafter. Interested in joining this working group? Scan the QR code or click <u>here</u> to submit a short form. <u>Applications are due by 5pm on **Friday, September 27**<sup>th</sup>.</u>

**SHARE AT COMMUNITY MEETINGS.** We will also have regular **Community Meetings** on this effort. These meetings are open to all members of the public. They are another important way to give input and inform the changes ahead. This series of meetings will begin during the end of 2024 or early 2025. Please join the listserv by scanning the QR code or emailing <u>ChildrensBH@dhcfp.nv.gov</u> to receive information and virtual invitations to these events.

Apply to the working group:



Join the Listserv for Community Meetings:

