



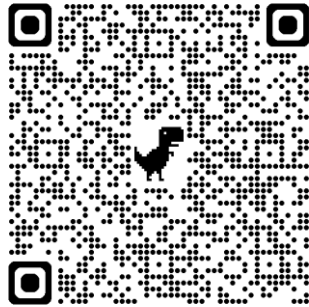
Zoom Technology Moment: Committee Members



AGENDA

- **Welcome, Intros, Agenda review**
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2025 Meetings, Mondays 1-3 PM

- **June 9th**
- **July 14th**
- **August 11th**
- **September 8th**
- **October 13th**
- **November 10th**
- **December 8th**

*** Information on how to join the meeting will be sent out one week in advance of each meeting, as well as posted to the HCA Website.**



Comfort Agreement

Here is our comfort agreement from the last meeting:

- Keep an open mind when others are sharing.
- Experiences are different. Be respectful of differences.
- "Step up and step back."
- Listen and don't judge.
- Keep things confidential and do not disclose without consent.
- Agree to disagree,
- Assume best intent.
- Active listening.



Is there anything that should be added or updated?



Follow Up from the Mental Health Advanced Directive Training Discussion

- Based upon recommendations from this group HMA plans to reach out to the FYSPRT's and Sherry Wylie from HCA to seek youth voice as training is developed.
- They also wanted to share the following regarding the age of a person who may complete a MHAD: *A person who is at least 13 years of age but under the age of majority is considered to have capacity for the purpose of executing a mental health advance directive if the person is able to demonstrate that they are capable of making informed decisions related to behavioral health care. ([RCW 71.32.040](#))*

Interoperable Documents – Working Sessions

Maddy Cope – HIT 988 SME

Background

- BHICRS – Interoperable Documents for ease of access and exchange of information
- BH-ASO and MCO Interoperable Workgroup
 - Authoring and developing draft standard forms for state and external review
 - Compared existing templates within WA and used by providers/etc. then developed a consolidated version containing all necessary pieces.
- Currently authoring safety plan

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Who has/will review:

- BH-ASOs, MCOs
- Internal state staff:
 - Program
 - Tribal
 - Tech
 - MPD
 - Legal
 - BAs
 - Sponsors

Who will be asked to review:

- Lived experience workgroups
- Mobile crisis teams
- Call center staff and admin
- MHAD workgroup
- Outpatient providers
- OBHA
- DCRs
- Tribal partners/providers
- WSHA
- PSAG

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Full list of interoperable docs (as of now)

- Crisis plan
- Mental Health Advance Directive (MHAD)
- Safety plan
- Crisis/suicide assessment
- Universal Release of Information (ROI)
- (There is also a need to ensure that Least Restrictive Alternatives (LRAs) and Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) will be interoperable, but they will NOT be standardized)

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Did we miss anything?

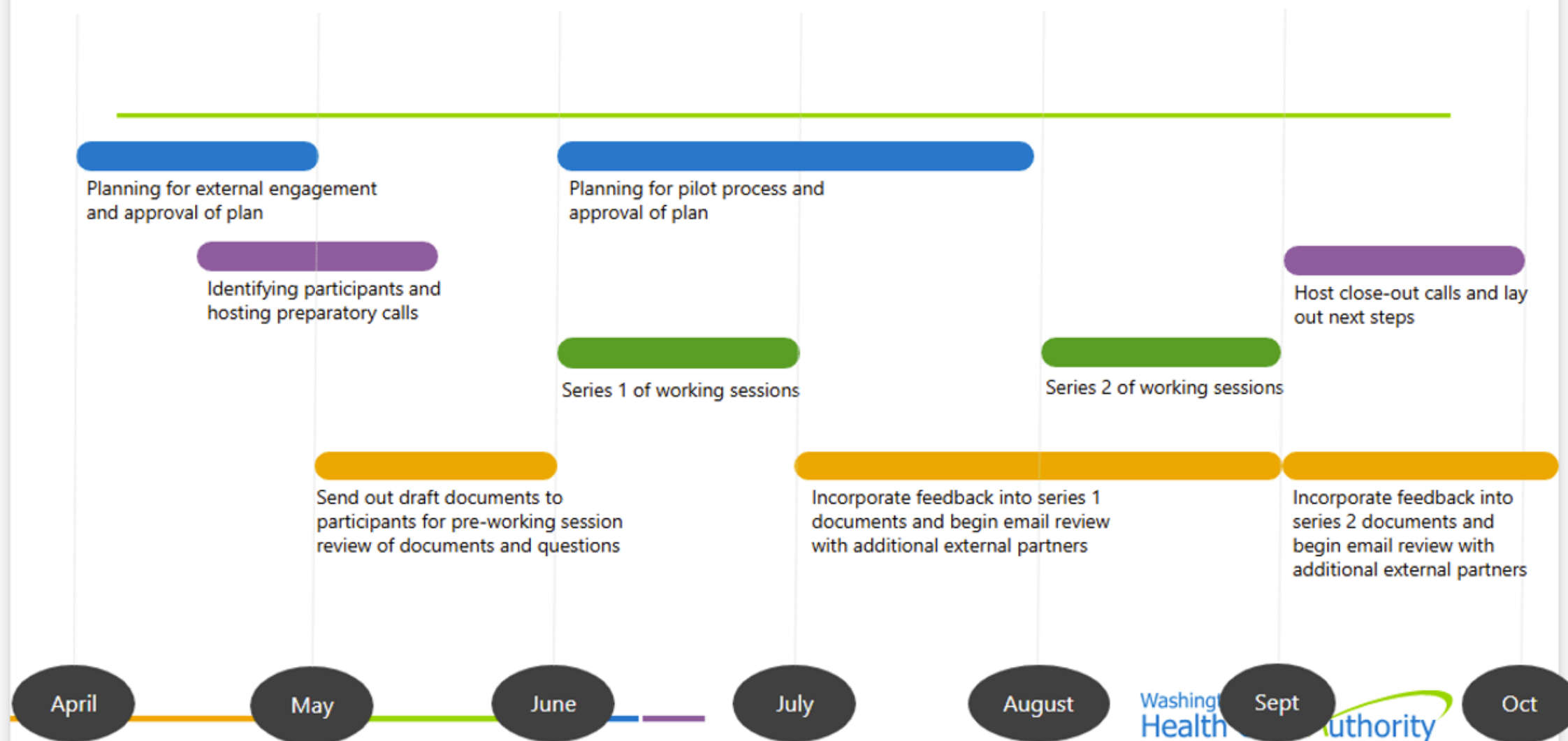
Working Sessions Plan

- What will we be doing?
 - Walking through the document purpose and document fields with an eye for our expertise - discussion and collaboration
 - What topics/focus areas did I miss?
- What are we hoping to accomplish?
 - A standardized document and document purpose
- Why a working session?
 - Live/in-the-moment vs. over email

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External Engagement Process





Update on CRIS Steering Committee



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Future of the Lived Experience

CRIS LINK

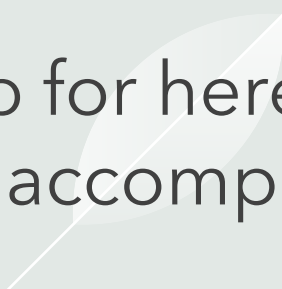
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CRIS Lived Experience Collaborative

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- This is a community space, it belongs to you.
 - We no longer have a specific charge or task from the CRIS, we get to define our own purpose.
 - What are the things you show up for here?
 - What are the things you want to accomplish in this space?
- 



Legislative Updates



2025 Legislative Bills that Passed

2025 Bills Passed 7th Cutoff: Sine Die (423)*

| Bill | Title | Status | Bill | Title | Status | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| HB 1003 | 1003 | Service of notice/tenants | C 44 L 25 | HB 1109 | 1109 | Public facilities districts | Del to Gov |
| HB 1006 | 1006 | Service contracts | C 50 L 25 | HB 1112 | 1112 | Judges pro tempore/residency | C 36 L 25 |
| HB 1007 | 1007 | Small claims actions notice | C 34 L 25 | HB 1114 | 1114 | Respiratory care compact | C 49 L 25 |
| HB 1009 | 1009 | Pharmacy commission members | Del to Gov | ESHB 1119 | 1119 | Supervision compliance | Del to Gov |
| HB 1012 | 1012 | Women's commission/gifts | Del to Gov | SHB 1121 | 1121 | Work restrictions/age 16, 17 | C 79 L 25 |
| HB 1013 | 1013 | DSHS civil service | C 73 L 25 | HB 1130 | 1130 | Dev. disabilities waiver use | Del to Gov |
| EHB 1014 | 1014 | Child support schedule | Del to Gov | E2SHB 1131 | 1131 | Clemency and pardons | Del to Gov |
| HB 1018 | 1018 | Fusion energy facilities | Del to Gov | SHB 1133 | 1133 | Sexually violent predators | C 48 L 25 |
| SHB 1023 | 1023 | Cosmetology compact | Del to Gov | ESHB 1135 | 1135 | Local government planning | C 17 L 25 |
| 2SHB 1024 | 1024 | St. Edward state park | C 14 L 25 | ESHB 1141 | 1141 | Ag. cannabis workers | C 106 L 25 |
| HB 1028 | 1028 | Child exposure to violence | C 75 L 25 | SHB 1142 | 1142 | In-home care training | C 18 L 25 |
| HB 1039 | 1039 | Gov. services/tribal lands | Del to Gov | ESHB 1149 | 1149 | Cruelty to animals | Del to Gov |
| HB 1046 | 1046 | Motor vehicle damage/rescue | Del to Gov | 2SHB 1154 | 1154 | Solid waste handling | Del to Gov |
| EHB 1052 | 1052 | Hate crime offense | Del to Gov | HB 1156 | 1156 | Volunteer firefighters/DCP | C 52 L 25 |
| HB 1054 | 1054 | County ferry contracts | C 35 L 25 | HB 1157 | 1157 | Vital records family access | C 37 L 25 |
| HB 1060 | 1060 | Newspaper tax preference | C 15 L 25 | 2SHB 1162 | 1162 | Health care work violence | Del to Gov |
| SHB 1061 | 1061 | Residential parking | C 137 L 25 | E2SHB 1163 | 1163 | Firearm purchase | Del to Gov |
| HB 1064 | 1064 | System improvement team | C 54 L 25 | HB 1167 | 1167 | Maritime careers task force | Del to Gov |
| HB 1068 | 1068 | DOC WMS employee arbitration | C 162 L 25 | SHB 1171 | 1171 | Mandated reporting/higher ed | Del to Gov |
| HB 1075 | 1075 | Affordable housing financing | C 31 L 25 | HB 1172 | 1172 | Fire district civil service | C 38 L 25 |
| SHB 1079 | 1079 | Remote testing | Del to Gov | EHB 1173 | 1173 | High-hazard facility wages | Del to Gov |
| SHB 1081 | 1081 | Solicited real estate | C 77 L 25 | E2SHB 1174 | 1174 | Court interpreters | C 55 L 25 |
| HB 1094 | 1094 | Social services/property tax | C 16 L 25 | SHB 1177 | 1177 | Child welfare housing assist | C 163 L 25 |
| E2SHB 1096 | 1096 | Lot splitting | Del to Gov | 2SHB 1183 | 1183 | Building codes | C 139 L 25 |
| E2SHB 1102 | 1102 | Veteran support and services | Del to Gov | EHB 1185 | 1185 | Correctional industries comm | Del to Gov |
| SHB 1105 | 1105 | DOC employee bargaining | C 78 L 25 | SHB 1186 | 1186 | Medication dispensing | Del to Gov |
| EHB 1106 | 1106 | Disabled veterans/prop. tax | Del to Gov | | | | |
| E2SHB 1108 | 1108 | Housing cost task force | Del to Gov | | | | |

*This is a list of House and Senate Bills that passed cutoff, this list does not include resolutions, memorials, gubernatorial appointments, etc, only House and Senate Bills.

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Community

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- * Information

- * Opportunities



Deadline for Certified Peer Counselor Crisis Training extended to 2026

Certified Peer Counselors who work as crisis responders were legislatively directed to receive Crisis Awareness and Communication in Peer Support training before **Tuesday, July 1, 2025**. HCA recognized that there were barriers that made getting this training by the deadline difficult.

HCA has extended the deadline for Certified Peer Counselors/Specialists to complete the Crisis Awareness and Communication in Peer Support training to **Thursday, January 1, 2026**.

HCA will add additional Crisis Awareness and Communication in Peer Support training to the training calendar for the next fiscal year.

Priority will be given to peers working as crisis responders or who have job offers as crisis responders.

Contact the peer support program with questions

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Don't miss the 2025 Washington Behavioral Healthcare Conference

The conference will be held in person in Kennewick and will include 34 workshops. Four TED-style talks will focus on subjects including but not limited to recovery and resiliency, leadership, innovative care practice, and corrections and mental health.

A virtual pre-conference training on law and ethics will be held on Wednesday, May 28 and Thursday, May 29.

Keynote speakers include:

- **Nora McInerney**, an author, creator & podcaster who specializes in difficult conversations, including on resilience & grief
- **Stephen Loyd, MD**, an expert on the treatment of opioid use disorders
- **James Forman, Jr., JD**, a professor at Yale Law School & Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Locking Up Our Own: Crime & Punishment in Black America*

[Learn about scholarships for consumers, advocates, and peers](#)

Conference details

- 2025 Washington Behavioral Health Conference
Thursday, June 12 to Friday June 13
Three Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick

Registration opens Wednesday, June 11 at noon. Join us for the welcome session on Wednesday, June 11 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

[Register or learn more](#)

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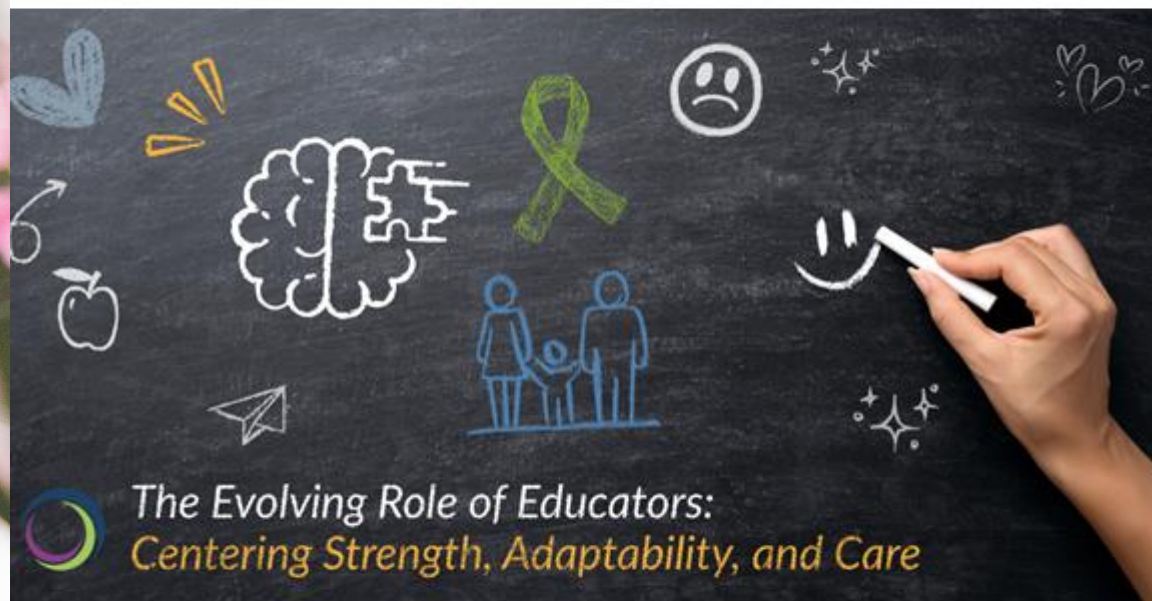
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Schools As Community Anchors: Expanding the Role of Educators in Mental Health and Wellbeing

Schools today are more than classrooms—they are dynamic community hubs where the roles of educators continue to expand. Teachers, administrators, and staff are increasingly called upon not just to educate, but to support students' mental health, family engagement, and social-emotional development.

This evolving role, along with other contributing factors, may help explain why recent findings show that **more than 70% of educators report high daily stress levels** (RAND Corporation, 2024 *State of the American Teacher Survey*). At the same time, students are also carrying emotional burdens: the CDC's *Youth Risk Behavior Survey 2023* reports significant increases in feelings of **persistent sadness and hopelessness among youth nationwide**. Together, these parallel pressures underscore the **need for integrated, whole-child approaches** that care for both students and the educators who support them.

That's why we're excited to uplift a range of resources in this month's newsletter that showcase **innovative practices, personal stories, and evidence-based strategies** reflecting how schools across the country are embracing a broader vision of student wellbeing and mental health support.

This includes a special spotlight on NTTAC's annual Digital Digest, *Beyond the Bell: Uplifting Children's Mental Health through School-Based Programs and Services*. From mentorship and mental wellness to food security and chronic absenteeism, ***Beyond the Bell***—alongside the other featured resources—highlights how educators and communities are working hand-in-hand to meet the moment.

The Evolving Role of Educators: Centering Strength, Adaptability, and Care



Voices from Beyond the Bell: Meeting the Moment Together

In [*Beyond the Bell: Uplifting Children's Mental Health through School-Based Programs and Services*](#), educators reflect not only on the growing mental health needs in schools, but also on how their roles have evolved to meet the moment.



"There's been a big increase in the mental health needs of our students and families. But our teachers weren't trained to be social workers or mental health professionals. We're having to learn how to bring in the right partners and how to shift how we support our school community."

— Andrea N., School Principal, Michigan

Andrea's words reflect a powerful truth: educators are navigating new terrain. While they may not wear every hat, they are often the first to notice when students are struggling and the first to advocate for stronger systems of care.

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In the "Ask the Experts" section of *Beyond the Bell*, students, educators, and administrators share tangible solutions that can foster thriving school environments and support evolving roles. Their insights offer a roadmap for building strong relationships, addressing basic needs, and nurturing emotional and academic growth:

Positive Relationships and Supportive Environment:

- Presence of a caring mentor.
- Schools prioritize initiatives to cultivate positive relationships between students, teachers, and parents.
- Providing a secure learning environment.
- Acknowledge and celebrate each student's strengths.



Educational Support and Personal Development:

- Professional development programs for educators to emphasize emotional intelligence.
- Personalized learning plans.
- Encourage children to pursue their interests.
- Maintain communication to help youth set goals and identify routes to reach them.

Basic Needs and Health:

- Children and youth need their basic needs met and adequate access to healthcare.
- Exposure to different places, things, and experiences (i.e., library programs, art classes, dancing, freedom to play and have fun, etc.).
- Adults must have strong emotional intelligence to support children and create a nurturing environment for them.

You're invited to the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Summit

The Washington Statewide Family Network, hosted by Washington State Community Connectors, is hosting the 2025 Children and Youth Behavioral Health Summit on Monday, May 5 in Wenatchee. This is a free, in-person event that brings together youth, caregivers, and system partners to explore how living/lived experience can break down stigma and shape the behavioral health system in Washington State.

Summit details

Advocacy Unmuted – Breaking Stigmas, Empowering Families, Creating System Change

- Date: Monday, May 5
- Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Free breakfast at 8 a.m.)
- Location: Wenatchee Convention Center

Support is available for attendees traveling from a distance. Youth/young adult and parent/caregiver representatives who are traveling more than 50 miles one way can request a hotel room for Sunday night and receive a mileage reimbursement (form at the event). Additionally, limited attendance support funds are available—please email [Karen Kelly](#) to request an application.

Register today for the summit!

Virtual option (for those facing travel barriers)

While the event is designed for in-person participation, a limited virtual accommodation is available for those impacted by travel bans or physical limitations. To request access, email [Amber Bryant](#) with your reason for the accommodation.

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Tulalip Tribes elects second Tribal DCR

Last month, Tulalip elected Rochelle Long, MS, LMHC, CCIS-II, Community Intervention Specialist, as the Tribes' second Tribal Designated Crisis Responder (DCR).

Tribal DCRs are part of the Washington Indian Behavioral Health Act (Act) and [Washington Administrative Code 182-125-0100](#). They represent a partnership between Tribes and the Health Care Authority to offer culturally attuned care for Tribal communities.

We honor Tribal sovereignty, self-determination, and eliminating inequities for Tribal members. Under this Act, Tribes are recognized as the rightful entity to provide essential, time-sensitive crisis services for their community.

[Read the partner notification letter to learn more](#)

This letter includes Tribal DCR:

- Hours of operation
- Service area
- Population (subject to change)

Why are Tribal DCRs so important?

- Are a familiar face and trusted expert within a Tribal community.
- Have knowledge of a Tribe's culture and how to provide culturally relevant care for people in crisis.
- Provide quicker response time for time-sensitive and live-saving care. This means people receive the care and services they need much faster than having to call in someone who isn't familiar with an individual or community.
- Understand the complexities and challenges of Native peoples and how to navigate the Tribal health care system and available county and state resources.

For questions, please contact Tribal Behavioral Health Administrator [Lucilla Mendoza](#).

News Release

April 16, 2025

New leader takes the helm at Office of Homeless Youth

Cacey Hanauer-Sutton joined OHY in March

OLYMPIA, Wash. — The Washington State Department of Commerce's [Office of Homeless Youth](#) selected a new executive director earlier this year. Cacey Hanauer-Sutton joined the agency in March after more than 20 years of direct service to youth and young adults experiencing housing and behavioral health challenges.

"We've seen a 40% drop in youth homelessness since 2016 – that's a testament to what's possible when we invest in young people and a direct result of the Office of Homeless Youth," said Washington Governor Bob Ferguson. "But we can't stop there. I look forward to working with Cacey to continue making a difference for young Washingtonians."

"Cacey is the perfect hire for this role, and at the ideal moment," said Commerce Director Joe Nguyễn. "We know more than ever how critical this work is to the well-being of young people across our state. Cacey brings the experience

and vision needed to build on the momentum and drive meaningful progress in reducing youth homelessness in Washington."

Youth homelessness declined by [40% from 2016 to 2023](#), even as homelessness overall has increased in Washington. OHY has been instrumental in the change, leading with a focus on crisis response, prevention services, residential programs, wrap-around support and other community-based initiatives. OHY works with and funds a network of partners across the state to support youth and young adults.

"OHY walks the walk when it comes to engaging young people and communities in decision-making. They know themselves, their needs and what works better than anyone, and OHY does the work to listen and respond," Hanauer-Sutton said. "I've partnered with OHY since its beginning and long admired their values, inclusive atmosphere, and dedication to ensuring that providers and young people are heard. I'm thrilled to be joining this team."

Her goal is to keep the positive momentum going toward ending youth and young adult homelessness by eliminating barriers and ensuring OHY staff, young people, providers, and advocates have all they need to serve young people. That can include making contracting easier, scaling proven methods, and offering more opportunities for engagement.

Hanauer-Sutton worked for the Tacoma Housing Authority and partnered with OHY as it developed and launched the Arlington Drive Youth Campus, the largest housing model for youth and young adults experiencing homelessness and housing instability in Pierce County. Since opening, the site has housed and served more than 230 youth and young adults, many of whom are pregnant or parenting.

"There are 10,000 fewer homeless kids today than there were a few years ago," she said. "That's remarkable progress and shows this is a solvable problem. This is a challenging time for the state, but we have the opportunity to work with young people, service providers and the advocacy community to build on the success and methods we know are working."

Since its founding in 2015, OHY has served tens of thousands of youth (ages 12-17) and young adults (ages 18-24) experiencing or at risk of homelessness.



was further directed by [RCW 43.330.700](#) to emphasize stable housing, family reconciliation, permanent connections with adults, education and employment, and social and emotional well-being. OHY is guided by the Homeless Youth Prevention and Protection Advisory Committee, which includes legislators, youth, parents, law enforcement, and other partners appointed by the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

More information about the [Office of Homeless Youth](#) is available online.

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The 2025 Mental Health Awareness Month Toolkit Is Here

May is Mental Health Awareness Month (MHAM), a time to raise up mental health and well-being for everyone, encourage open conversation, and turn awareness into action.

The 2025 Mental Health Awareness Month Toolkit is now available and has resources you can use to promote mental health for people of all ages, including those living with serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance, and co-occurring disorders.

This month, help spread the word that mental health is essential to overall health at every stage of life.

What You Can Do To Support Mental Health Awareness

Participate by accessing the 2025 Mental Health Awareness Month Toolkit, which includes:

- **Key Messages and Weekly Themes** to help you create impactful content for various audiences.
- **Social Media Shareables**, including posts, graphics, and animations that you can share with followers on your social media platforms.
- **Digital Stickers** to highlight MHAM in social media stories and posts.
- **Email Signatures** to show your commitment to mental health awareness.
- **Virtual Meeting Backgrounds** to personalize and brand your online meetings.
- **Hashtags**, including #MHAM2025, #MentalHealthAwareness, and #MentalHealthMatters, and **Best Practices** to help promote and spark conversations about mental health on social media.

Please download and share these resources with your communities. Thank you for taking part in this critical effort. Now is the time to prioritize mental health for stronger individuals, families, and communities.

[Learn More](#)



Upcoming Events

See below for a list and links to upcoming Washington Thriving related events in April and May!

Children and Youth Behavioral Health Work Group (CYBHWG) Meetings:

- Work Group:
 - [May 15th at 9am-12pm](#)

CYBHWG Subgroup Meetings:

- Workforce and Rates (W&R):
 - [April 30th from 10-11:30am](#)
 - [May 14th from 10-11:30am](#)
 - [May 28th from 10-11:30am](#)
- Behavioral Health Integration (BHI):
 - [May 6th from 1-3pm](#)
- Prenatal to Age Five Relational Health (P5RH):
 - [May 7th from 10am-12pm](#)

- Youth and Young Adult Continuum of Care (YYACC):
 - [May 8th from 3:30-5:30pm](#)
- School-Based Behavioral Health and Suicide Prevention (SBBHSP):
 - [May 28th from 3-4:30pm](#)

Visit the [Events Page](#) on the Washington Thriving website for other upcoming Washington Thriving meetings and events.



Washington State OFFICE OF EQUITY

News For You!



Community Condition Dashboard: Examining Homelessness in Washington is now LIVE!

Hello all,

The Washington State Office of Equity (EQUITY) is thrilled to announce the launch of the [Community Condition Dashboard: Examining Homelessness in Washington](#).

This dashboard will assist decision-makers in making data-driven decisions so we can advance a **Washington for All**. Our innovative approach combines different data sources to provide a more user-friendly and comprehensive view of homelessness than has previously been publicly accessible. It aggregates data from federal, state, and local governments and community service providers. This provides a statewide overview of those who use any of the programs in our blended homelessness dataset.

The dashboard utilizes data from:

- Community Housing Support Providers
- Medical Providers
- Department of Social and Health Services Economic Services Administration
- Department of Commerce
- Managed Care Organizations
- Front-Line Staff
- Clark, Snohomish, and Spokane Counties
- Health Care Authority
- American Community Survey Data

We want to thank the Department of Social and Health Services Research and Data Analysis Division (RDA), our partner in this effort, for their brilliance and expertise that brought this to fruition. We have worked with them since September 2024 to conduct this analysis and build this dashboard. Thank you to the agencies, local governments, service providers, and community organizations that collected the data and made agreements allowing RDA to access the data and produce these dashboards.

EQUITY identifies **Housing & Homeownership** as a condition that shapes the well-being of people in Washington. Access to safe and affordable housing can impact physical and mental health, access to education and jobs, and other aspects of quality of life. **Homelessness** is the lack of safe and stable housing. Trends and disparities in rates of homelessness are important to understand the magnitude of this problem in our state, as well as the characteristics of people experiencing homelessness.

This dashboard breaks down homelessness data by county, race, and age, and can be filtered to look at specific time periods from 2016 – 2024.



Key Findings:

- **Homelessness disproportionately impacts young adults.** Homelessness rates are highest for people 18-44 years old. The risk of homelessness jumps at age 18 during the transition to adulthood.
- **American Indian or Alaskan Native, Pacific Islander, and Black individuals disproportionately experience homelessness.** This is consistent with disparities observed in other states.
- **Homelessness rates vary across Washington.** While urban areas tend to have greater numbers of people experiencing homelessness, the highest rates of homelessness are found in more rural counties.
- **Homelessness is growing with the population.** The number of people in Washington experiencing homelessness has risen in the past decade, but the proportion of people experiencing homelessness has remained stable at around 2%.

To explore the data for yourself, visit [Community Condition Dashboard: Examining Homelessness in Washington](#).

We intend to update this dashboard with additional functionality and data sources over time. If you have questions or want to collaborate to expand this dashboard, please contact caitlyn.mcnaabb@equity.wa.gov.



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<https://excelsiorwellness.org/news/2025-firearm-violence-prevention-conference/>



2025 | FIREARM VIOLENCE PREVENTION CONFERENCE

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Open Discussion & — Sharing





#We can apply Ragnar, Relay for Life, Staggered breath singing ideas to the work we do!

we Work - we Rest

we Take Turns!

We do it Together!



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