# Washington Thriving Updates



# What is Washington Thriving?

- Effort to develop a Behavioral Health strategic plan for prenatal to age 25 in Washington state, referred to as Washington Thriving
- Initiated in response to the ongoing statewide crisis in behavioral health among children, youth, young adults and their parents and caregivers
- Requires that we address the most significant and systemic gaps in our behavioral health system, as well as in the intersecting systems and factors that impact behavioral health (e.g. education, justice, child welfare, housing, disability, employment, crisis response)
- Aims to affect transformational change across the system by:
  - providing an actionable roadmap to ensure equitable access at every stage of development to high-quality, developmentally-appropriate and culturally-attuned supports and services
  - outlining a vision for how this array of supports and services can be accessed in or through a range of settings including clinics, schools, and community settings
- Our goal today is to understand where your interests intersect and how we can best engage you

# Where are we in the process?

PHASE 1: VISIONING

PHASE 2: ASSESSING CURRENT LANDSCAPE

PHASE 3: IDENTIFYING STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

PHASE 4: MOVING TO ACTION

Exploring (open processes)

Phase 1 questions:

What's the vision?

What is the ideal continuum of care?

#### Phase 2 questions:

Does WA have the right services and supports?

Does capacity for each meet the need?

#### Phase 3 questions:

WE ARE

What are the gaps, and how can we fill them?

What are the key levers for change with the greatest promise?

#### Phase 4 questions:

How do learnings inform the strategy?

What are the shortand long-term wins?

How will we know we're on the right track?





PEOPLE CENTERED ACTIVITIES – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND FEEDBACK

## Context

- Constrained state fiscal environment limits appetite for individual recommendations
- Uncertainty around impacts of federal changes (on funding, on specific programs, on specific communities)
- P-25 Strategic Plan due to Legislature November 1
- Governor's transition team has indicated support for the CYBHWG and Washington Thriving to inform direction on behavioral health
- CYBHWG members expressed a desire for future recommendations to be more cohesive and less numerous

# CYBHWG priority this year: Provide input to and approve P-25 Strategic Plan

#### **Proposed approach for 2025**

- CYBHWG's primary recommendation will be for the Legislature to adopt and resource the Strategic Plan as the guiding framework for P-25 behavioral health in Washington
- CYBHWG will dedicate at least half of its meeting time to the Strategic Plan this year
- CYBHWG subgroups will focus their effort this year on providing input and recommendations to the Strategic Plan elements in their domain
- CYBHWG will hold a consensus vote in October to approve submitting the Strategic Plan
- Hold space for timely, emergent overarching recommendations and for preserving and protecting legacy CYBHWG recommendations that are not otherwise being championed

**Washington Thriving Advisory Group** is the key body influencing direction of P-25 Strategic Plan.

**CYBHWG** is the sponsor and ultimate decision-maker.

# Why We Are Here

# Goals for the preliminary outreach:

Identify & narrow the BHI Subgroup scope to focus on our highest priorities

Identify opportunities for expanded community engagement to best inform the development of inputs to WA Thriving

Goals for the year:

Contribute to 1-3 key BHI issues critical to the P-25 Strategic Plan Identify other continuing and/or urgent BHI issues not championed by others to be considered as Overarching recommendations or Support Items of the CYBHWG

## 2025 Overview

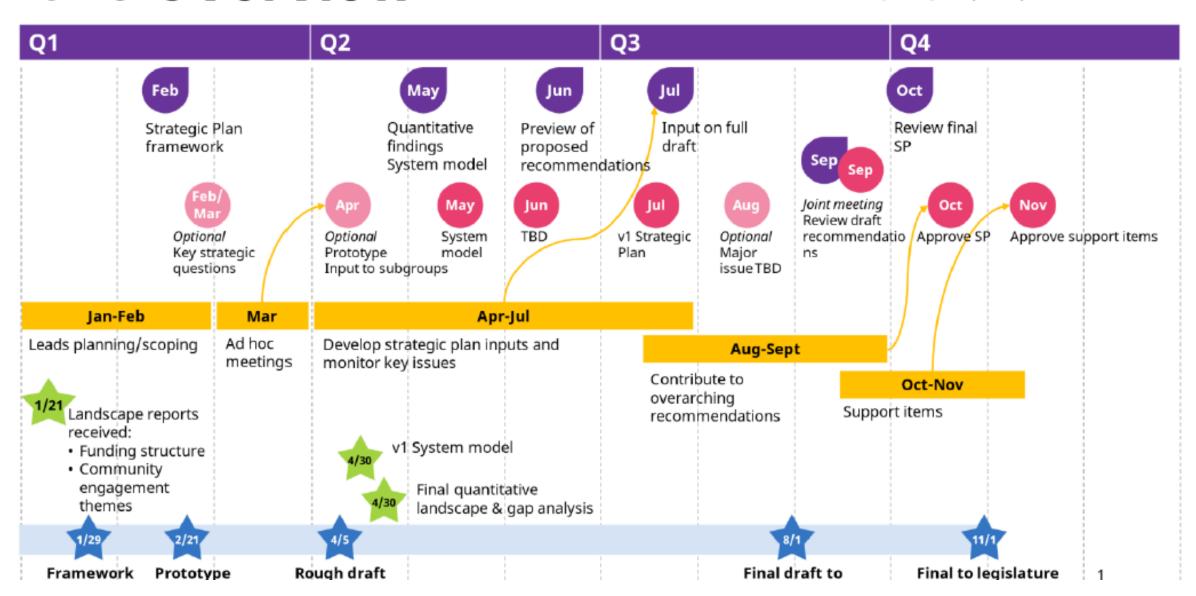








Subgroups



### The Strategic Plan will address these areas



#### What will the system offer, to whom, and where



Full continuum of culturally- and developmentally-appropriate

education, prevention, services and supports accessible where people spend their time



#### How will services and supports be provided

Regionally-led Family- and community-centered Tiered service coordination

#### What will power the system

Diverse, well-trained, thriving workforce Sustainable financing

#### What will guide the system

Guiding principles Defined leadership and structured coordination Supportive policy, shared resources, integrated data, and other enablers

Vital conditions outside the **Behavioral Health** System that impact wellbeing

**Economic stability** 

Food security and nutrition

Safety and security

Housing

Natural and built environment

Civic and social environment

## The Strategic Plan will likely be structured as follows

	SECTIONS	CONTENT
	Section 1: Introduction	<ul> <li>Executive summary &amp; letter from co-chairs</li> <li>Washington State context &amp; legislative charge</li> <li>Summary of plan structure</li> <li>Methods &amp; approach (high level)</li> </ul>
	Section 2: Current State	<ul> <li>Summaries of:</li> <li>current landscape (supply &amp; demand)</li> <li>bright spots in Washington's system</li> <li>gaps, barriers, &amp; challenges</li> </ul>
	Section 3: Vision for Washington's P-25 BH System of Care	<ul> <li>Washington Thriving's purpose &amp; vision</li> <li>Thesis statement: Ideal vision for the P-25 BH system</li> <li>System of Care components and principles</li> </ul>
Rele	Section 4: Strategic Recommendations evant to today's discussion	Early prototype currently includes 17 recommendations & 52 sub- recommendations under 7 categories
	Section 5: Next Steps	<ul> <li>High level roadmap (sequence, pace, where to start)</li> <li>Measuring success over time: indicators &amp; data dashboard</li> </ul>
	Annexes	<ul> <li>Activities undertaken in SP planning process</li> <li>Inputs to SP</li> <li>Register of involved parties with heat maps/disaggregation</li> <li>Backlog of specific recommendations</li> <li>Bibliography, relevant literature references</li> <li>Definitions &amp; acronyms</li> </ul>

# Work-in-Progress: Recommendation Areas

#### I. STRATEGIC SYSTEM LEVEL

- A. **Establish Clear System Leadership & Coordination:** Create defined leadership and coordination requirements at state, regional, and local levels
- B. **Develop Comprehensive System Infrastructure:** Support P-25 Behavioral Health system with data integration, service standardization, technology, and quality management

#### II. UNIVERSAL EDUCATION, PROMOTION, & PREVENTION

A. **Invest in Behavioral Health Promotion, Education, & Universal Prevention**: Invest in population-level education, promotion, wellness, and prevention

#### III.AGE/STAGE-SPECIFIC SERVICE DEVELOPMENT

- A. **Support Prenatal to Age 5:** Focus on early development, prevention, intervention, and holistic family supports
- B. **Enhance School-Age Services (6-17):** Build behavioral health literacy, wellness, and resilience through school-based services
- C. **Create TAY-Specific Service Set (18-25):** Develop comprehensive transition age youth service set

#### IV. SERVICE CONTINUUM DEVELOPMENT

- A. **Strengthen Early Identification Systems:** Develop comprehensive early identification and support systems with pre/post-diagnosis support
- B. **Expand Service Array Options:** Build comprehensive System of Care addressing specific gaps and needs
- C. Strengthen Crisis & Acute Care: Enhance crisis response infrastructure and stabilization services
- D. **Build Recovery & Support Services:** Provide sustained community-based support post-treatment/crisis

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#### V. FAMILY WELLBEING SUPPORTS

- Provide comprehensive support through the diagnosis, treatment, and recovery journey
- B. Support Overall Health & Wellness of Family & Caregivers: Address the needs of caregivers and the whole family

#### VI. CROSS-CUTTING SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- A. Develop a Diverse, Well-Trained Workforce in Sufficient Number: Invest in diverse, well-trained workforce meeting P-25 population needs
- B. Transform Financing & Payment Mechanisms: Redesign funding ecosystem with sustainable revenue sources and payment models

#### **VII. CROSS-CUTTING SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Ensure Cultural & Linguistic Competency: Build culturally and linguistically competent services across the continuum
- B. **Ensure Trauma-Informed Care**: Implement comprehensive traumainformed strategy throughout system
- C. **Health Equity Focus:** Reduce/eliminate disparities across demographic factors through system design and service delivery

Key themes
emerging for
BHI -specific
Strategic Plan
recommendations

•	Expanding integrated primary care as the foundation of a coordinated, tiered system of care
	Implementing integrated care to reduce fragmentation of services for families whose children have co-occurring needs
	Implement universal early screening and supports at the onset or early stages of symptoms with appropriate tech/protocols
	Establish a system of measurement/outcomes for BH integration quality assurance, scale & implementation modeling without creating heavy admin burden
•	Increase access to and capacity of diversified cross-system navigation supports
	Strengthen cross-system coordination between pediatric care, families, community supports, and schools