

Washington state children's behavioral health statewide family network

Overview

The Washington State Children's Behavioral Health Statewide Family Network Program was implemented in 2016. A request for proposal was released and the Washington State Community Connectors (WSCC) became the awarded bidder for this project. Washington State Community Connectors is a family run organization that has a board of directors made up of more than 50% family members, who have primary responsibility for the raising of a child, youth, or young adult experiencing behavioral health challenges.

Through the contract with WSCC, the Washington State Children's Behavioral Health Statewide Family Network provides:

- Four workgroups to identify system trends related to children's outpatient behavioral health services, inpatient behavioral health services, peer support and family leader opportunities and cross-system services. These workgroups meet monthly.
- Four committees to continue the network's infrastructure development which includes committees focused on equity, diversity and inclusion, social marketing and communication, advocacy and leadership training and board of directors' capacity and advisory committee
- A webinar every other month for the purpose of workgroup and committee updates and to receive feedback on their work. The webinar can be attended by anyone interested.
- A webinar every other month in an open forum discussion format intended to engage family leaders who do not participate in committees and workgroups but can also include those who do.

- Annual weekend training to support parents/caregivers across Washington State.
- Annual Children's Behavioral Health Summit
- Technical assistance to the regional Family, Youth, System Partner Round Tables to enhance family engagement.
- Networking for parents/caregivers.
- Leadership and other trainings that include national trainers/experts.

Who can participate?

Parents/caregivers of youth who experience behavioral health challenges and cross system partners.

Key partners

Parents/caregivers, youth, youth leaders, and child-serving systems including child welfare, juvenile justice, developmental disabilities, education, health, mental health, substance use, and other community members including faith community, law enforcement, early learning, tribal partners, and vocational rehabilitation.

Annual budget (2021-2022)

\$285,500

Oversight

Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery, Prenatal through age 25 behavioral health staff provide technical assistance to the project.

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