



# REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION

---

**Jessica Durant, Regional Operations Manager**  
Florida Department of Children and Families

**Devona Pickle, Chief of Medicaid Policy**  
Agency for Healthcare Administration

September 2025

# BACKGROUND

The Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder (Commission) presented their Annual Interim Report on January 1, 2024, with findings and evidence-based recommendations.

To strengthen community networks and cross-agency collaboration, the Commission recommended establishing regional collaboratives.



On July 1, 2024, House Bill 7021 created section 394.90826, Florida Statutes to establish Behavioral Health Interagency Collaboratives throughout the state in support of this recommendation.

“By uniting voices across our behavioral health system, the Behavioral Health Interagency Collaboration empowers communities to create smarter, more connected solutions that improve access and quality of care at the local level.”



# VISION AND OBJECTIVES



The **vision** of the regional collaboratives is to:

- Identify and address ongoing opportunities within the behavioral health system at the local level.
- Improve the accessibility, availability, and quality of behavioral health services.



The **objectives** of the regional collaboratives are to:

- Facilitate enhanced interagency communication and collaboration.
- Develop and promote regional strategies tailored to address community-level challenges in the behavioral health system.



# FOUR KEY AREAS

**Strengthening Community Networks  
and Cross-Agency Collaboration**

**Enhancing Crisis Care Continuum**

**Improving Data Collection and  
Management Processes**

**Optimizing the Financial  
Management of the Behavioral  
Health System of Care**



# STATEWIDE OVERVIEW



Quarterly Meetings



High Participant Attendance



Positive Collaboration



Stakeholder Feedback



# STATEWIDE IDENTIFIED NEEDS



**SERVICE  
ACCESSIBILITY  
AND CAPACITY**



**RESOURCE  
SHARING AND  
EDUCATION**



**FUNDING  
FLEXIBILITY**



**PEER SUPPORT  
SERVICES**



## AHCA STATEWIDE IDENTIFIED NEEDS

✓ *Right services*

✓ *Right time*

✓ *Right provider*

Outpatient Services

Residential Services

Inpatient Services



## FUTURE AHCA DEVELOPMENTS

Outpatient Services	Inpatient and Residential Services
Mobile Crisis Response Services	Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTP)
Supportive and Intensive Behavioral Health Services (former 'Housing Pilot')	Statewide Inpatient Psychiatric Program Services Funding Redesign
Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Services	Coverage for Inpatient Psychiatric Stays for up to 90 days
Updating the Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services Coverage Policy	
Targeted Case Management Rate Increase (effective 7/1/25)	
Juvenile Re-entry Targeted Case Management	



# FUTURE COLLABORATIVES UPDATES



**Lunch and Learn**



**Success Stories**



**Continuous Survey**



**Annual Reports**



# QUESTIONS?

For more information, scan the QR code:

