



Behavioral Health

Better Health Together (BHT) invests in building a robust behavioral health workforce to expand provider capacity in Eastern Washington.

BH Supervision Support

The BHT region received an Integrated Managed Care (IMC) Incentive through Washington's Section 1115 Medicaid Waiver to create and develop projects and activities to improve our healthcare system. In 2021, our Board allocated Integrated Managed Care Incentive funds to support behavioral health (BH) workforce initiatives. This included support for organizations with substance use disorders (SUD) and master's level BH staff to provide supervision to ensure staff can gain critical licensure. In 2022, the Behavioral Health Forum used participatory budgeting to allocate \$150,000 to continue funding behavioral health supervision.

15 

BH organizations awarded
\$10,000 contracts

87 

staff received
licensure supervision

21 

staff completed
supervision hours
for licensure

\$11,000 

invested to cover clinician licensure
costs, like application & testing fees

7 

completed training
to become licensed
supervisors

This grant has provided Passages with a valuable recruitment tool that has allowed us to hire mental health therapists. New and existing staff are grateful for the opportunity to obtain licensing supervision while working at our organization.

-Passages Family Support

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Building BH Capacity

Through participatory budgeting, the Behavioral Health Forum has provided funding for a variety of BH workforce initiatives, including:

\$65,000



supported Certified Peer Counselor Training



55 individuals completed training in 2022-2023

\$47,000



awarded to Eastern Washington CHW Network for community-based workforce training.

\$45,000



in scholarships to students for Bachelor's in Integrated Behavioral Health program at SFCC

\$75,000



distributed to CHW Training Program to fill community-based workforce gaps.

23



clinicians enrolled in SUDP alternative certification coursework with full tuition costs covered by Forum funds

\$150,000



allocated for Behavioral Health Internship Support at organizations training the BH workforce



Funding for:

- intern stipends
- intern recruitment costs
- supervisor stipend
- offsetting lost billable time
- developing an intern guidebook
- and more