

## Side by Side with DMH/DD/SUS

Improving our system together.

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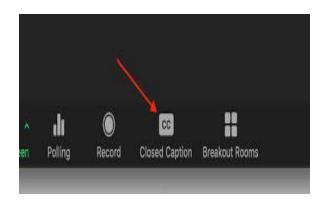


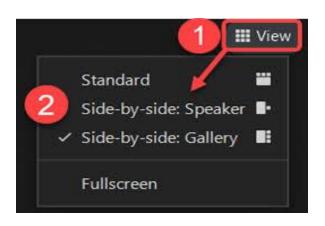
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#### Agenda

- 1. Introductions
- 2. MH/SU/IDD/TBI System Announcements & Updates
- 3. Direct Support Professionals Grant Opportunity
- 4. National Recovery Month
- 5. NC DMHDDSUS Perceptions of Care Survey
- 6. NC Mental Health Block Grant FY25
- 7. Q&A

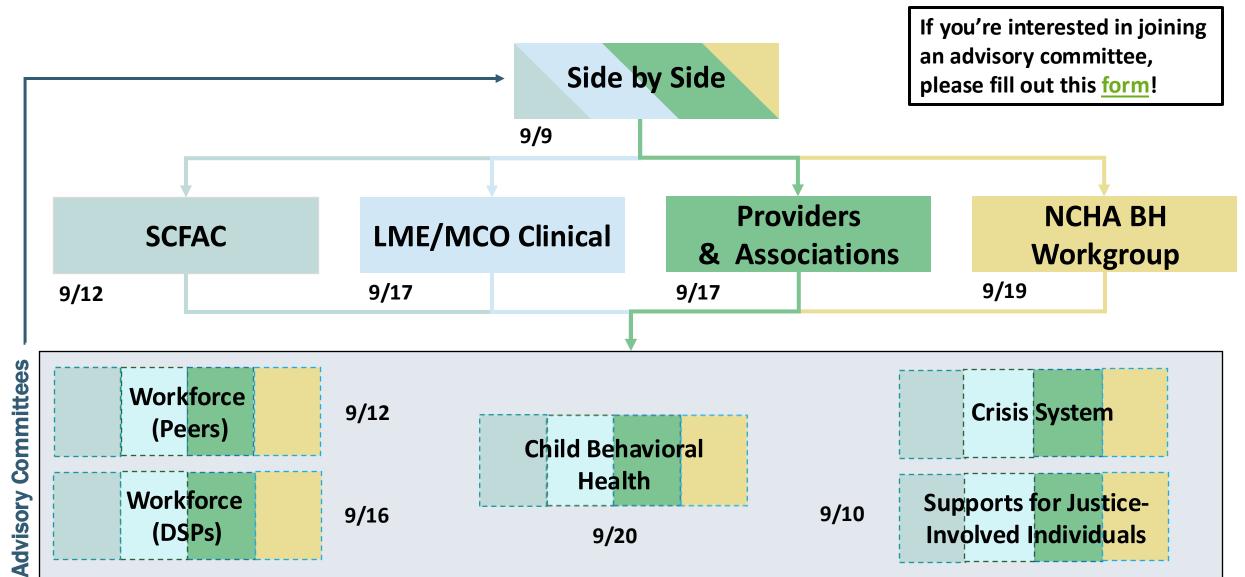
#### Kelly Crosbie, MSW, LCSW, DMHDDSUS Director



- 30 years in MH/SU/IDD Field
- 13 years in DHHS
- DMHDDSUS since Dec 2022
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)
- Person with lived experience



#### September Community Collaboration



# MH/SU/IDD/TBI System Announcements & Updates

#### **DMHDDSUS Strategic Plan Update**

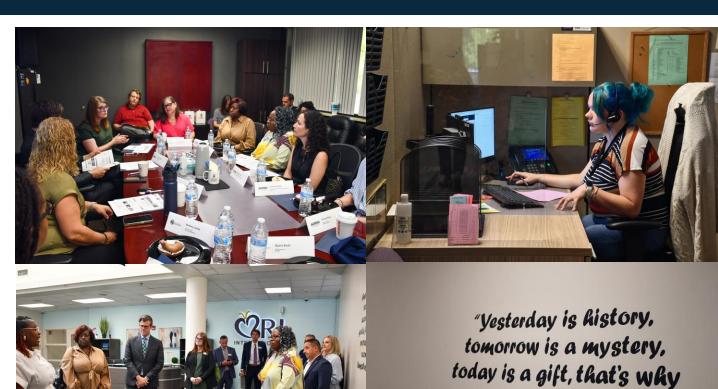


- Community partner input:
   DMHDDSUS has shared its plan with the State Consumer and Family Advisory Committee, clinical leadership at LME/MCOs, and clinical providers
- Public comments: Posted for public comment from June 3 to July 17, 2024, received 132 comments and letters, all of which were reviewed
- Final posting: mid-September

#### **SAMHSA & The Federal Director of 988 Visited North Carolina!**

On August 15, NCDHHS hosted the federal 988 Director Monica Johnson and leaders from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in touring the REAL Crisis Center in Greenville and Recovery Innovations in Durham to highlight the successes of North Carolina's Crisis to Care system













we call it the present"

·Bill Keane



## THE FIRST ANNUAL #988Day

Join us on 9/8!



NO JUDGMENT. JUST HELP.



## Share Your Story: Be Part of Our 988 Campaign Video!

**Help Us Showcase Real Stories of Recovery and Support** 

We're seeking volunteers to share how 988 has positively impacted their lives.

Filming on September 11, 2024, in both English and Spanish.

#### Interested?

Contact: Kim Adamski

Phone: 502-655-7588

Email: kim@neimandcollaborative.com





#### **LUNCH & LEARN**

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, SEPT 10, 12:30 P.M.

Discuss efforts to increase awareness of Suicide Prevention, identify resources and find ways to spread the word that help is available.

Register for the webinar

All month, mental health advocates, prevention organizations, survivors, allies, and community members unite to promote suicide prevention awareness.

Suicide Prevention Week is September 8-16, with Suicide Prevention Day on September 10th. The Governor will proclaim the first ever Suicide Prevention Day in North Carolina.

#BeThe1To is the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline's message for National Suicide Prevention Month and beyond, which helps spread the word about actions we can all take to prevent suicide.



ASK, KEEP THEM SAFE,
BE THERE, FOLLOW UP
& HELP THEM CONNECT

## FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER

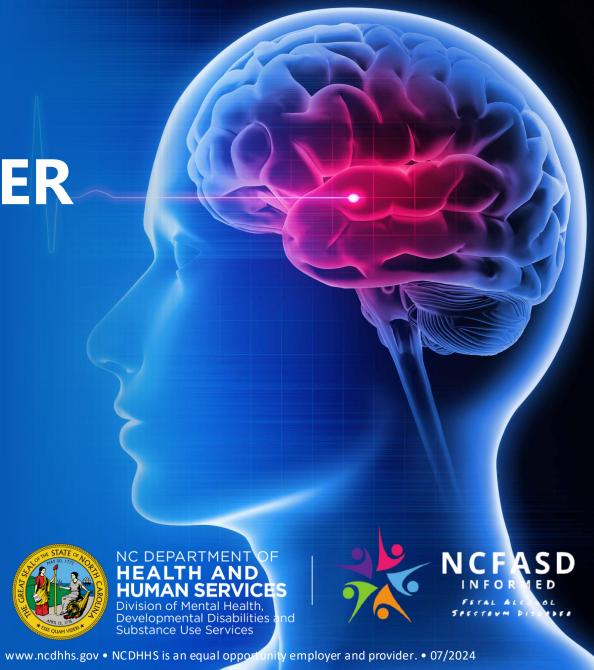
Recognizing the Red Flags

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2024

12:00 p.m. − 1:30 p.m.

For FASD Awareness Month, the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services will host a webinar to raise awareness for FASD. This webinar will assist individuals in recognizing the behavioral symptoms associated with FASD to ensure timely evaluation and diagnosis.

JOIN LINK: <a href="https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlsdu/cgrTwqEmp3\_itopbhrlwCtqQy85-k#/registration">https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlsdu/cgrTwqEmp3\_itopbhrlwCtqQy85-k#/registration</a>



# Direct Support Professionals Grant Opportunity



Direct Support Professional (DSP) Recognition Week provides us with an opportunity to pause, acknowledge, and highlight the dedicated direct support workforce that is the heart and soul of supports for people with disabilities.

- Most direct care workers are women and people of color, and women of color are a large and growing segment of the direct care workforce.
- Many people of color in the direct care workforce are immigrants.



#### **DSP Provider Agency Recruitment and Retention Grants**

This week, DMH/DD/SUS began soliciting proposals from providers to fund interventions that improve DSP recruitment and retention. The funding application will be open until November 8th.

- Allowable uses for the grants include but are not limited to:
  - Hiring/retention bonuses
  - Child/dependent/senior care subsidies
  - Transportation supports or subsidies
- Food supports or subsidies
- Continuing or advanced education opportunities
- Other employee assistance programs
- Funding will be made available on a one-time basis; DMH/DD/SUS expects to make awards in early 2025.
- Eligible provider agencies deliver Medicaid and/or state-funded I/DD services, including providers that operate an Agency with Choice (AWC) model.
- Providers will describe their initiative's impact and budget to help inform design of long-term recruitment and retention strategies.

Save the Date: DSP Grant Funding Opportunity Webinar

Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:00 pm

Register Here (link)

DMH/DD/SUS will host office hours on 9/19, 9/26, and 10/3 to provide additional information on the grant application

**Questions?**Email DMHIDDCONTACT@dhhs.nc.gov

#### DSP Provider Grant Initiative

### WEBINAR

DATE/TIME: WEDNESDAY, SEPT 11, 1:00 P.M.

Join DMHDDSUS for the Direct Support Professional
Recruitment and Retention Provider Grant Initiative webinar.
This session will provide a technical assistance overview of the grant application, process timeline, and scoring criteria.
There will also be an opportunity to ask questions.





Direct Support Professional RECOGNITION WEEK September 8 - 14, 2024

## National Recovery Month

## NATIONAL RECOVERY IS REAL.



#### September is National Recovery Month!

- Promotes and supports:
  - The nation's strong and proud recovery community
  - New evidence-based treatment and recovery practices
  - The dedication of service providers and communities who make recovery in all its forms possible.
- For substance use:
  - Of the 30.5 million adults who perceived that they ever had a substance use problem, 73.1% (or 22.2 million)
     considered themselves to be in recovery or to have recovered from their drug or alcohol use problem.
- For mental health:
  - Of the 64.4 million adults who perceived they ever had a mental health problem, 66.6% (or 42.7 million)
     considered themselves to be in recovery or to have recovered from their mental health problem.

#### **Collegiate Recovery Programs**

Collegiate Recovery Programs provide alternatives and opportunities for students to truly have that college experience while supporting their recovery and desire not to use substances.

- NC DHHS first began funding 6 schools in 2015, this number has grown to 18, including 5 HBCUs and 2 Minority Serving Institutions
- Supported with funds from the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services (SUPTRS) block grant with a total annual budget of over \$3M.
- Funds support staffing, sober events, conferences, dedicated program spaces, and student activities.
- NC leads the nation in supporting its students who are in or seeking recovery
   with a total of over 30 programs across the state, including 5 community colleges.
- As of 2023, North Carolina has been awarded 6 Association of Recovery in Higher Education (ARHE) honors, including Staff of the Year (3), Student of the Year, Champion Award for Student Support, and a Lifetime Achievement Award.



#### **Recovery Community Organizations (RCOs)**

Recovery happens in communities where people access services and supports and build relationships that support them.

- Recovery community organizations offer stigma-free spaces for engagement, resources, and recovery support.
- NC DMHDDSUS has funded 15 recovery community centers since
   2015 from the SUPTRS block grant and plans to add 2-3 more centers this year.
- Centers are tailored to community needs and provide diverse recovery support services, including employment aid, housing, education, and peer mentoring.



#### **Peer Run Wellness Centers**

- Independent, consumer-operated hubs offering governance and support for mental health and substance use recovery.
- DMHDDSUS funds two Peer Run Wellness
   Centers (PRWCs) <u>GreenTree</u> and <u>No Wrong</u>
   <u>Door</u>
- GreenTree just celebrated 12 years of service and is actively engaging the community during Recovery Month with a full calendar of <u>Learning</u> <u>Community Activities</u>.
- Current Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG)
   application process is open: goal to support more Peer Wellness Centers.







#### **Connections App**

- DMHDDSUS partnered with Trillium Health Resources to roll-out the Connect apps (CHESS Health). It offers 24/7 peer support and recovery tools.
- 530 individuals onboarded in the Connections App and still growing!
- The Peer to Peer Connect feature enables Certified Peer Support Specialists to connect statewide, providing crucial support to prevent burnout.
  - Currently, 447 Peers involved!
  - 280 CPSSs fully onboarded
  - Positive Feedback:
    - "We must encourage each other!! I love this app,"
    - "I feel so much more HOPE now... I feel like I could climb a mountain right now!"



#### Welcome to Connections.

A free recovery-focused app with 24/7 peer support, a supportive recovery community, and tools to help you track and celebrate milestones!

#### Scan to enroll:



Or, text 610-488-2461 with the following information to receive a link for the Connections App download:

Full name, date of birth and provider name

Technical difficulties? Get in touch: onboarding@chess.health

#### Connections is a free resource made available by:



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North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

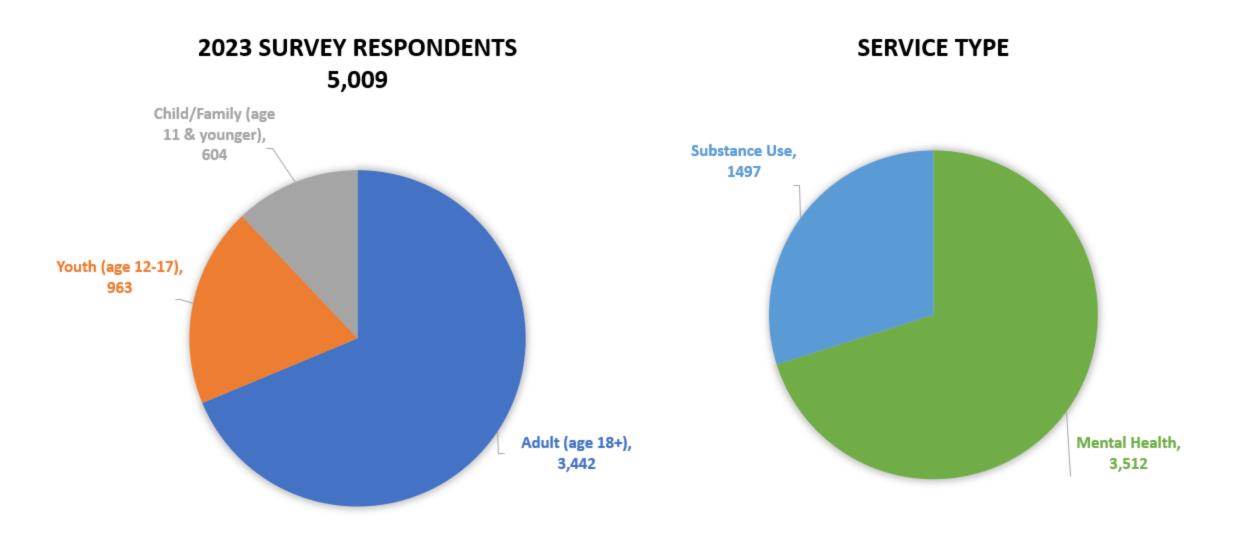
## NC DMHDDSUS Perceptions of Care Survey

#### **2024 Perceptions of Care Survey**

### Annual Mental Health & Substance Use Treatment Services Satisfaction Survey August 12, 2024 – September 20, 2024

- The Perceptions of Care Survey administered by mental health and substance use treatment providers is one of the ways DMHDDSUS demonstrates the outcomes of our service system to our federal partner SAMHSA and measures overall quality of public service system.
- Providers are encouraged to invite every consumer who receives a Tailored Plan mental health or substance use service during the survey administration period to complete the survey. Consumers who received an LME/MCO/TP service in June 2024 or July 2024 may also be surveyed, even if they do not receive a service during the survey period, as long as they have not been discharged from services.
- Surveys are available in English and Spanish
- Surveys may be offered web-based or as a paper copy
- Questions about the survey can be directed to a Tailored Plan Perceptions of Care Survey Coordinator or sent to DMHDDSUS at <u>contactdmhquality@dhhs.nc.gov</u>
- Provider page: <a href="https://www.ncdhhs.gov/mhddsas/perceptions-of-care-surveys">https://www.ncdhhs.gov/mhddsas/perceptions-of-care-surveys</a>

#### **2023 Perceptions of Care Survey**



To access the complete report & prior year reports go to: Consumer Perceptions of Care | NCDHHS

#### **Perceptions of Care Survey Domains**











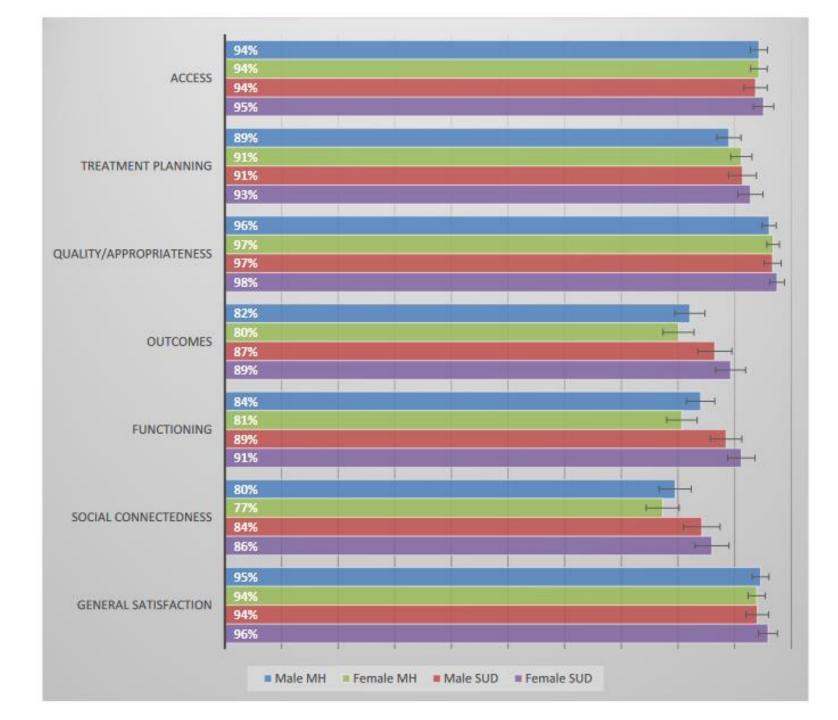




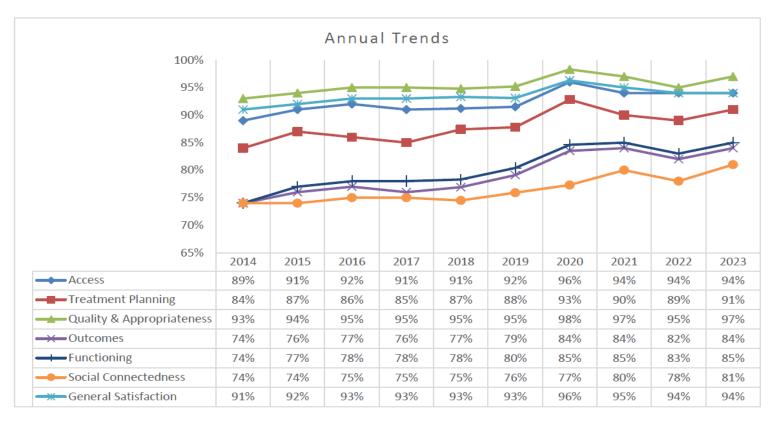
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# Adult Respondent Gender & Primary Service Type Differences

Larger percentages of adults with primary SUD services compared to those with primary MH services reported positive perceptions related to Outcomes, Functioning, and Social Connectedness domains.



#### 2023 Perceptions of Care Survey: Adult Trends



#### **Areas of High Satisfaction:**

- Quality & Appropriateness
- Access
- General Satisfaction

#### **Areas of Improvement:**

- Social Connectedness
- Outcomes

#### **Strategic Plan Initiatives To Address Areas Of Improvement**

Peer Services
Support the expansion of Peer led
services in North Carolina.

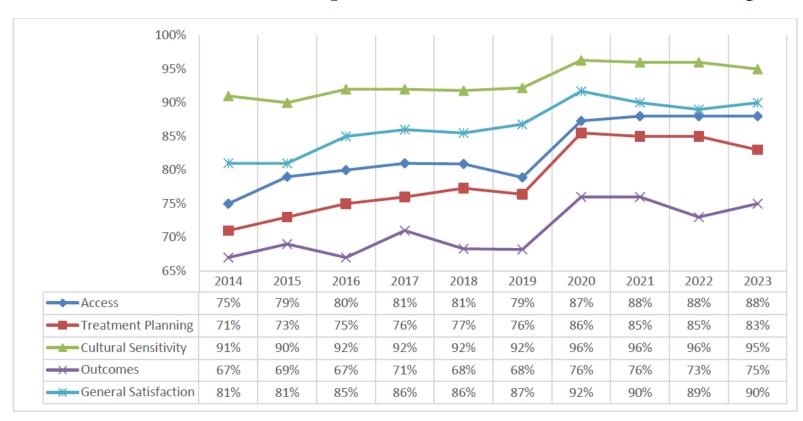
#### **NAMI** on Campus

Increase resources to bolster counseling services and expand student-led and -run mental health clubs on college campuses

Collegiate Harm Reduction
Provide support to students in
their recovery journey while
undergoing higher education.

Revitalize Clubhouses
Revitalize and better fund
Clubhouses, which provide
community-based, psychosocial
rehabilitation services for people
living with mental illness

#### 2023 Perceptions of Care Survey: Youth Trends



- Areas of High Satisfaction:
  - General satisfaction
  - Cultural sensitivity
- Areas of Improvement:
  - Outcomes
  - Treatment planning.

#### **Strategic Plan Initiatives To Address Areas Of Improvement**

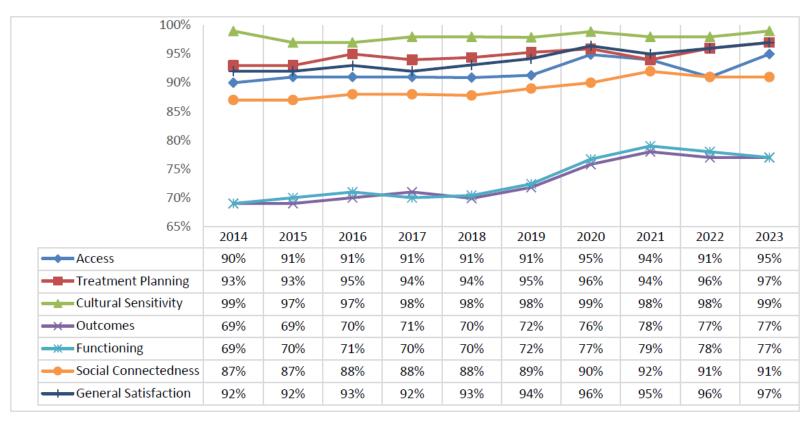
Mobile Outreach Response
Engagement and
Stabilization (MORES)
Fund new MORES teams across the state, with a specific focus on highneeds (e.g., rural) areas

Juvenile Justice Behavioral Health Teams (JJBH Teams):

Increase quality and consistency of behavioral health programs for youth involved in the juvenile justice system Expand SUD Access for Adolescents

Expand services to specifically target adolescents and build programs tailored to the unique needs of this population

#### 2023 Perceptions of Care Survey: Child/Family Trends



#### **Areas of High Satisfaction:**

- Cultural sensitivity
- Treatment planning
- General satisfaction
- Access
- Social connectedness.

#### **Areas of Improvement:**

- Functioning
- Outcomes

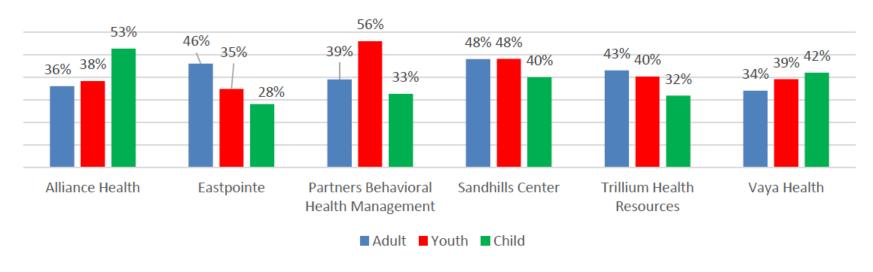
#### **Strategic Plan Initiatives To Address Areas Of Improvement**

Child Residential Redesign
Enhance residential child behavioral
health services by implementing a
quality improvement program,
maintaining family connections
while children are in care, and
shortening the duration of
residential treatment

Maternal Mental Health
Launch a mental health focused
program to encourage help seeking,
screening, and treatment seeking in
the critical window during
pregnancy and postpartum

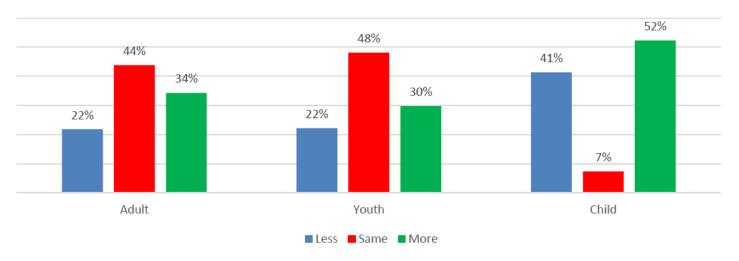
#### 2023 Perceptions of Care Survey: Telehealth

Did you/your child receive any telehealth services from your MH/SUD provider in the past 6 months? (Yes)



 41% of individuals surveyed reported they or their child received telehealth services in the past six months.

How helpful was telehealth compared to seeing your provider in person?



- About one third of adult and youth
   respondents reported the telehealth services
   received were more helpful than seeing their
   provider in person.
- **78%** of **adults and youth respondents** rated telehealth about the **same or better** than as seeing their provider in person.

### NC Mental Health Block Grant FY25

#### First Episode Psychosis (FEP) Investments

#### **Initiatives**

**NEW:** Provision of funding to LME-MCOs for the creation of blended ACT/FEP teams for rural counties to promote access and services

**Continuation** of funding for UNC-CH for required FEP model fidelity oversight, evaluation and training including:

Complete work on adapting the model for marginalized populations

**NEW**: Expansion of funding for 5 implementation sites + marketing to consumers & families

### NC First Episode Psychosis Coordinated Specialty Care Clinics (NC FEP CSC)

- FEPCSC is a team-based collaborative, recovery-oriented approach involving individuals experiencing first episode psychosis (FEP), treatment team members, and, when appropriate, family members as active participants.
- FEP CSC components include outreach, low dosage medications, cognitive behavioral therapy, supported employment, supported education, case management and family psychoeducation.

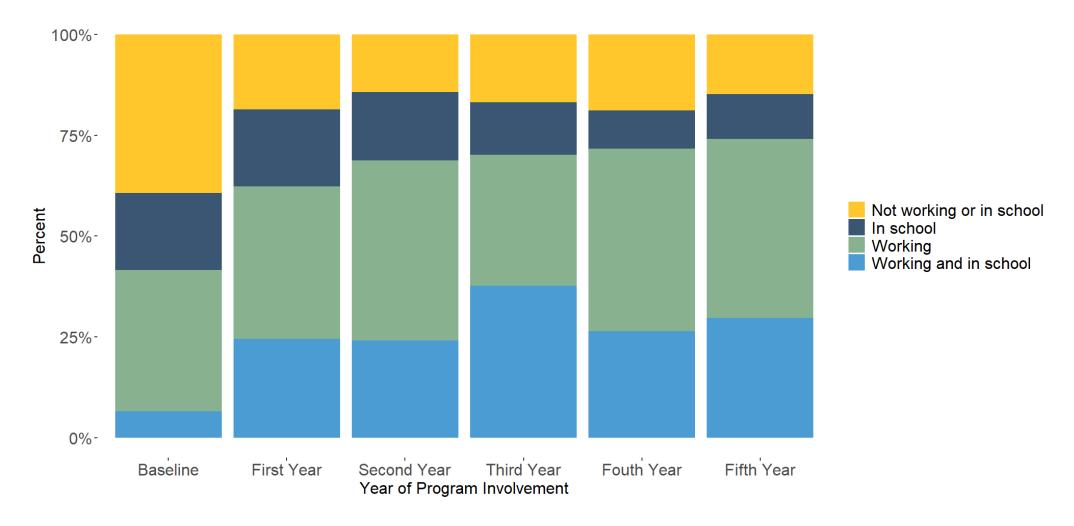


#### NC First Episode Psychosis Coordinated Specialty Care Clinics (NC FEP CSC)

Inception 2005	<b>Program</b> OASIS	<b>Location</b> Chapel Hill, NC	WeCare2	OASIS
2015	Encompass	Raleigh, NC	AEGIS	Encompass
2015	SHORE	Wilmington, NC	EAGLE	
2017	EAGLE	Charlotte, NC		All
2023	AEGIS	Asheville, NC		SHORE
2024	WeCare2	Burnsville, NC		

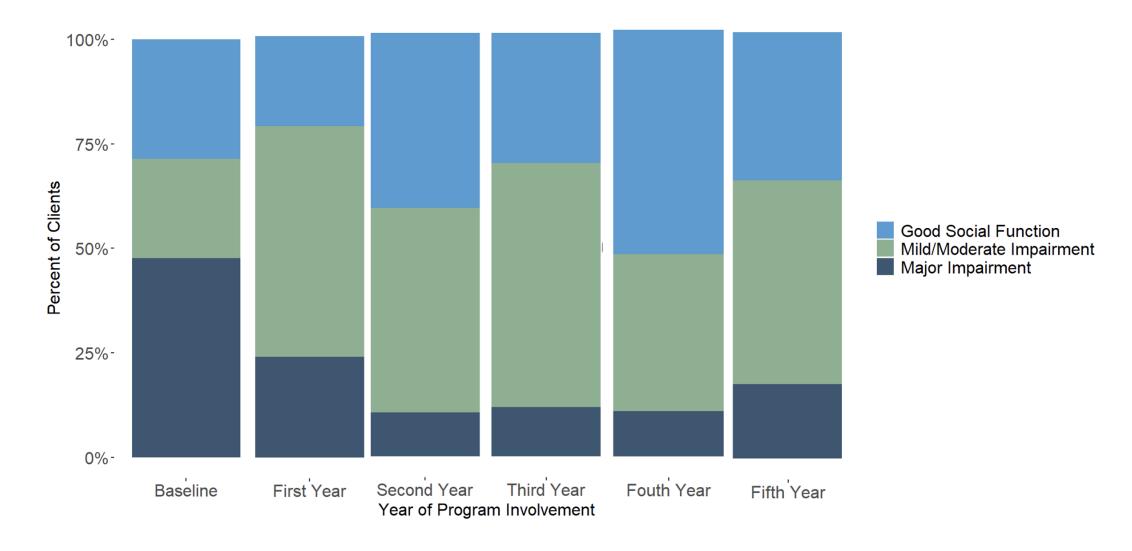


#### NC FEP CSC Outcomes: School and Work





#### **NC FEP CSC Outcomes: Social Function**





#### **Crisis System Investments**

Initiatives					
NEW: Peer Respite/Peer Living Room Regional Centers					
Continue Peer Respites/Refuge: Sunrise; Green Tree, No Wrong Door, Promise Resource Network					
Continue Peer Warmline					
New: Co-Responder Expansion					
Continue Hope4NC					

#### Mental Health Treatment and Programs Investments

#### **Initiatives**

#### **Reduce Stigma/Increase Access**

**New:** Anti-stigma campaign, Network of Care Directory (FindCare.com)

#### **Family and Caregiver Supports**

**Expand:** NAMI (Campus, Law Enforcement, Family/Sib Groups)

New: Family/Sibling Support Organization RFA

#### **Peers**

**Expand:** Peer Wellness Programs, Peer Certification (BH Springboard)

**New:** Peer Certification Scholarships

#### **Veterans**

Veterans Life Center, Hope4Warriors, Centerstone, HOPE & NC SERVE

**New:** AVISO: Ask the Question Campaign

#### **Specialty Populations**

New: LGBQTIA+, Faith-Based Communities, Immigrants/LEP, Older Adults

Continue: Deaf & Hard of Hearing & DeafBlind, Voices of Afrilachia



## Mental Health Block Grant Funding Opportunities

NCDHHS is investing in community-based initiatives that support mental well being and recovery for LGBTQIA+ communities, faith-based groups and older adults. The three grant opportunities totaling \$4.5 million will support local partners in developing programs to improve equitable access to mental health services, expand peer support services and strengthen family and caregiver support services.

To learn more, visit the DMHDDSUS grant opportunities page.



Community-Based
Mental Health Initiatives

Projects that expand access to mental health supports for the LGBTQIA+ community, faith-based communities, people over the age of 65 and non-native English speakers, who often encounter unique challenges to finding and accessing culturally competent care.



#### **Peer Services**

Peer Respite and Peer Living Room Models that serve as community-based alternatives to emergency departments or hospitals for crisis and recovery services. These programs provide peersupported crisis, mental health and substance use recovery services.



Family and Caregiver
Support Services

Programs that offer support for family members who are caregivers and siblings of loved ones requiring intensive care for behavioral health, substance use, intellectual or developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injury or co-occurring conditions.

#### Q&A





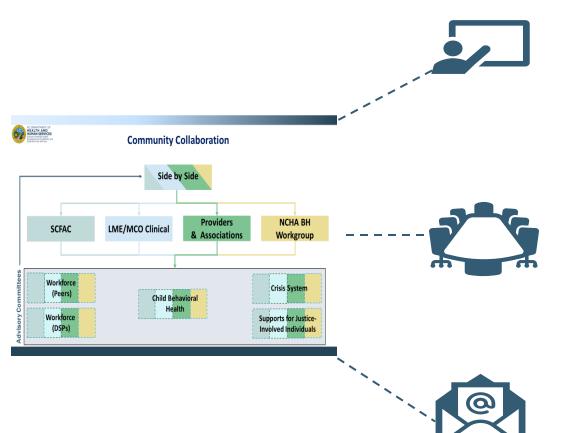
Questions and feedback are welcome at <a href="mailto:BHIDD.HelpCenter@dhhs.nc.gov">BHIDD.HelpCenter@dhhs.nc.gov</a>.

The recording and presentation slides for this webinar will be posted to the <u>Community</u>
<u>Engagement & Training</u> webpage.

## Appendix



#### **Stay Connected with DMHDDSUS**



Join our Side by Side Webinars



Join our Advisory Committees



• Join our Mailing List



## Just launched! Tailored Care Management Content

Accessible materials that can be used to inform NC Medicaid Direct and Tailored Plan members of available Tailored Care Management services.

These new Tailored Care Management materials are available in both **English** and **Spanish**:

- **NEW!** Tailored Care Management presentation
- NEW! Tailored Care Management flyers for each audience
- **NEW!** Tailored Care Management social posts
- **NEW!** Tailored Care Management website updates

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#### New Tailored Care Management Resources in English and Spanish went live on August 19









#### **Bilingual Print Materials**

Available at no cost: Submit your request before Friday, September 13.

Order here: <a href="https://example.com/Bit.ly/TPprints">Bit.ly/TPprints</a>















Bilingual Flyers about Tailored Plans and Tailored Care Management services

Poster package (18x24) about Tailored Care Management and Non-Emergency Medical Transportation in English and Spanish.