Our Mission

We formed this statewide mental health policy and advocacy coalition in 2021, following the onset of a health-related pandemic that included a mental health crisis felt disproportionately by youth, caregivers, and communities of color. We hope to create and foster community partnerships as we execute our long term vision and goals.

Our Vision

Our coalition envisions a robust mental health system that is equitable, affordable, culturally responsive, community centered and community driven. We believe the current mental health system is not adequately serving our communities, especially Black, Indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC) who have the least access and often face the most stigma when trying to find care. We must create equitable solutions alongside most impacted communities.
What We’ve Accomplished Together

- **Passage of HB 2949**
  - Aims to increase access to BIPOC mental health providers.

- **2022 BIPOC Provider Survey**
  - Sought to identify issues, needs, and barriers in the overall mental health workforce that are unique to providers of color.

- **BIPOC Mental Health Provider Socials**
  - Born from results of the survey and an appreciation dinner for BIPOC mental health providers, the socials serve as a space for BIPOC providers to come together in community.

Join Our Efforts

Together, we can bring our shared vision of community health and wellbeing to life.

**BIPOC mental health providers**, join our provider network;

**members and employees of advocacy organizations**, join our coalition!

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