

Children's Mental Health Work Group: Work Plan

The Children's Mental Health Work Group is tasked with identifying barriers to accessing mental health services for children and families, and to advise the Legislature on statewide mental health services for this population.

1.1 INITIAL MEETING: TUESDAY, JUNE 21ST 9:00AM - 12:30PM

- Location: HHR A JLOB Olympia, WA
- Published Agenda:
 - Welcome and introductions;
 - Background and overview of E2SHB 2439;
 - Appoint co-chairs and adopt work plan;
 - Overview of children's mental health services in WA State (HCA and DSHS);
 - Overview of children's mental health services available through public schools, preschools, and child care (OSPI and DEL);
 - Public comment;
 - Next steps.

1.2 WORKFORCE. CHILD CARE & EDUCATION: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH 9:00AM - 3:00PM

- Location: HHR A JLOB Olympia, WA
- Presentations from the Workforce Team and others covering the following:
 - Review workforce issues related to serving children and families, including issues specifically related to birth to five (See 2439 Sec. 2(3)(d));
 - Recommend strategies for increasing workforce diversity and the number of professionals qualified to provide children's mental health services (See 2439 Sec. 2(3)(e)); and
 - Review and make recommendations on the development and adoption of standards for training and endorsement of professionals to become qualified to provide mental health services to children birth to five and their parents or caregivers (See 2439 Sec. 2(3)(f)).
- Presentation from the Child Care & Education Team and others covering the following:
 - Analyze, in consultation with the department of early learning, the health care authority, and the department of social and health services, existing and potential mental health supports for child care providers to reduce expulsions of children in child care and preschool (See 2439 Sec. 2(3)(g)); and
 - Identify outreach strategies that will successfully disseminate information to parents, providers, schools, and other individuals who work with children and youth on the mental health services offered through the health care plans, including referrals to parenting programs, community providers, and behavioral health organizations(See 2439 Sec. 2(3)(h)).
- Review and discussion.
- Public comment.

1.3 ASSESSMENT, ELIGIBILITY, & BILLING: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH 8:30AM - 12:30PM

- Location: HHR A JLOB Olympia, WA
- Presentation from the Assessment, Eligibility, & Billing Team and others covering the following:

- Review and recommend developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate assessment tools and diagnostic approaches that managed care plans and behavioral health organizations should use as the mechanism to establish eligibility for services (See 2439 Sec. 2(3)(a));
- Identify and review billing issues related to serving the parent or caregiver in a treatment dyad and the billing issues related to services that are appropriate for serving children, including children birth to five (See 2439 Sec. 2(3)(b)); and
- Evaluate and identify barriers to billing and payment for behavioral health services provided within primary care settings in an effort to promote and increase the use of behavioral health professionals within primary care settings (See 2439 Sec. 2(3)(c)).
- Review and discussion.
- Public comment.

1.4 RECOMMENDATIONS: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13TH 8:30AM - 12:30PM

- Location: HHR A JLOB Olympia, WA
- Recommendations: Presentations from the three teams.
- Review and discussion of the report.
- Public comment.

1.5 FINAL REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST 10:00AM - 2:00PM

- Location: HHR A JLOB Olympia, WA
- Final Report Recommendations: Discussion and public comment.
- Draft report distributed to the Work Group on November 15th for final comment.
- Final comments due to staff by November 22nd.

1.6 FINAL REPORT DUE TO THE LEGISLATURE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1ST (NO MEETING)