The New Mexico Consortium for Behavioral Health Training & Research (CBHTR) was created in an effort to improve access to quality care for all of New Mexicans with mental and substance use conditions. CBHTR was founded by the New Mexico Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative and the New Mexico Higher Education Department (HED), in partnership with the state's users and providers of services and the state's institutions of higher education.

The Goals of CBHTR are to:

- Improve access to prevention, early intervention and recovery services that are culturally and linguistically competent.
- Develop behavioral health services research and evaluation capacity that addresses New Mexico's unique concerns.
- Close the gap between science and practice through policy guidance and technical assistance to the state's leadership, providers, service recipients, and families.

Research and Evaluation Initiatives

- **System of Care**—researching the impact of service system innovation on behavioral health outcomes for youth and their families
- **Total Community Approach (TCA)**—researching the implementation of community-developed substance abuse programs
- **Veterans and Family Support Services (VFSS)**—researching the implementation of a brief behavioral health intervention and referral program for veterans of Iran and Afghanistan and their families
- **Veterans First Jail Diversion Program**—researching the implementation of trauma informed jail diversion services for veterans with a focus on Native American veterans
- **Research and Evaluation Network (REN)**—Coordination of a statewide network of researchers and evaluators involved in studying New Mexico’s public behavioral health system

Behavioral Health Education & Training

- **Integrated Core Service Agency (CSA) Training**—comprehensive training for behavioral health service agencies related to Comprehensive Community Support Services and Wraparound
- **Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS) Training and Data Warehousing**—Support statewide implementation of the CAFAS, a functional assessment of behavioral, psychological and substance abuse disorders in youth
- **Native American Pipeline Project**—inter-collegiate collaboration to develop career development “pipeline” for Native American para-professionals working in tribal communities

Next Steps

- Standardization of training modalities for the public behavioral health system, including team-based approaches, service planning, appropriate documentation, and management
- Providing web-based training opportunities for behavioral health administrators, team leaders, supervisors, and service delivery staff working in rural communities
- Providing training on cultural competency for administrators, senior managers and service delivery staff of behavioral health organizations
- Expansion of behavioral health services research and evaluation in New Mexican institutions of higher education, private research centers, foundations, organizations and governmental agencies

Community Partners

- New Mexico Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative
- Department of Higher Education
- New Mexico State University
- Highlands University
- New Mexico Western University
- Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute
- Other Institutes of Higher Education
- Consumers and Family Members

Background

Current CBHTR Initiatives

Future Directions