

The National Council is the unifying voice of America's behavioral health organizations. Together with our 1,600 member organizations, we serve our nation's most vulnerable citizens — more than 6 million adults and children with mental illnesses and addiction disorders. We are committed to providing comprehensive, quality care that affords every opportunity for recovery and inclusion in all aspects of community life.

About Our Members

The National Council's 1,600 member organizations are dedicated to improving the health of their communities. Operating successfully in complex health and human service environments, these organizations are integral to the economies of their communities. Together member organizations employ approximately **250,000 staff** including administrators, clinical professionals, para-professionals, peer counselors and support staff. Services are financed by federal, state and local grants and contracts; Medicaid, Medicare, and commercial insurance; self-payers; and individual and corporate charitable contributions finance services. Member organizations include:

- Treatment agencies and clinics; community mental health centers; mental health associations; rehabilitation, club house and residential programs; and hospitals that provide a continuum of mental health and/or addictions disorder treatment and support services.
- State and county behavioral health departments, regional boards, and managed care organizations that allocate resources, oversee services, and/or directly provide services.
- State, regional and local associations of human service, mental health and addiction treatment organizations.

What Our Members Do

National Council member organizations function as the nation's behavioral healthcare safety net, serving adults and children with a range of emotional disorders and mental illnesses, developmental disabilities, and addictions disorders. They reach out to those with special needs including older adults, refugees, individuals with HIV/AIDS, veterans, the homeless, children in foster care, and individuals in the criminal justice and juvenile justice systems. Services are provided both in and out of the office, and include:

- Psychiatric crisis services, inpatient hospitalization, outpatient medication and psychotherapy, case management and assertive community treatment, and treatment for trauma and post-traumatic stress disorders.
- Addiction disorder treatment programs including detoxification, residential, and intensive outpatient programs.
- Rehabilitation and educational interventions including supported work and housing, illness self-management, and family psycho-education.
- Specialized services for children including therapeutic foster care, multi-systemic therapy, functional family therapy, and mentoring and respite services.
- Programs for the prevention of substance abuse, violence, and suicide; community education; early intervention; and jail diversion and prison re-entry initiatives.