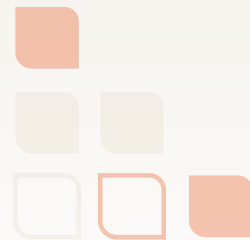


A Special Message from President & CEO Chuck Ingoglia



A YEAR OF HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENTS

It's my pleasure to present the National Council for Mental Wellbeing's 2023 Annual Report.

I'm so proud to share our report — 2023 represented one of the most profound and impactful years in our long and storied history.

We made significant progress to establish three programs to ameliorate the workforce shortage for our members. We know demand for the life-saving services National Council members provide remains alarmingly high, so we are focused on building a behavioral health workforce capable of meeting the demand for services today and well into the future.

Our work throughout the National Council reflected that focus, and we rose to meet the challenge. Today, our Practice Improvement and Consulting Department is as strong and responsive as ever. Mental Health First Aid has grown into a resource with more than 3 million First Aiders assisting friends, colleagues and neighbors in thousands of communities.

And our advocacy led to historic levels of funding for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act. The investment in CCBHCs is tearing down barriers to access for necessary and important substance use and mental health care and dramatically improving health equity. We ended the year with 500 CCBHCs nationwide, and we have our sights set on establishing hundreds more in 2024.

We also made investments in our internal processes — from information technology to administration — to make them even more resilient.

The National Council in 2023 enjoyed unprecedented opportunities. Our amazing staff made the most of those opportunities on behalf of our more than 3,400 members, whose work is more valuable and necessary than ever before. The contributions and accomplishments of our incredible National Council members guide and motivate us. Our accomplishments in 2023 were not just in service to them — they were because of our members.

Looking ahead, that won't change. National Council members are at the center of everything we do. So, we will continue to support their work through our advocacy, innovative programs and membership initiatives.

And we do all our work with the support of a Board of Directors that demonstrates its skill, empathy and dedication every single day.

We don't just succeed for our members. We succeed because of them.

Be well,



Chuck Ingoglia
President and CEO
National Council for Mental Wellbeing



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