CCBHC-T Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic TRANSFORMATION

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CCBHC-T Year 1 Impact: *Michigan*

What is CCBHC-T?

The Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Transformation (CCBHC-T) Project aims to transform and improve behavioral health services across Michigan. Funded by Ballmer Group, the project provides tailored support and advisement to organizations throughout the state as they implement the CCBHC model. The project aims to increase access to care, improve the quality of services, strengthen the use of data to guide decision-making, identify long-term funding solutions, and build the systems needed to sustain and expand the CCBHC model over time. Through this work, Michigan is creating a stronger behavioral health system that can better meet the needs of individuals and families.

What is the CCBHC Model?

The Certified Community Behavioral Health Center (CCBHC) model is an integrated and sustainably financed model for behavioral health care delivery.

Learn more about the CCBHC approach.

The Michigan Vision for CCBHC-T

- **Defining and articulating the value of CCBHCs:** by building the partnerships that will be critical to long-term success, educating community partners about the benefits of the CCBHC model to ensure timely access to behavioral health care for all Michiganders, and developing plans and identifying funding approaches to help sustain CCBHC services over time.
- **Improving access to behavioral health care in rural communities:** by strengthening relationships with behavioral health providers in rural areas and the Upper Peninsula and investing in workforce development so behavioral health professionals in rural areas can use their full training and skills to serve more individuals and families who need care.
- **Strengthening coordination across the behavioral health system:** by clarifying the roles and responsibilities of organizations involved in care, improving collaboration between CCBHCs and community service partners, and creating a more connected system so individuals and families can more easily access the services they need.
- **Supporting high-quality behavioral health care:** by enhancing continuous quality improvement measures to improve the performance of CCBHCs and ultimately improve the quality of care provided to Michigan individuals and families, reducing unnecessary administrative requirements to make the process of delivering behavioral health services more efficient, and using funding and payment strategies that encourage quality care.

Michigan's CCBHC Vision Statement

Michigan will build a sustainable behavioral health system anchored by CCBHCs that ensures timely, high-quality care through coordination, integrated service delivery, expanded access in rural communities, and a supported workforce. Every individual, family, provider, and policy maker in Michigan understands the value of CCBHCs and their role within a coordinated, comprehensive, and community-driven behavioral health system.

Year 1: Progress and Impact in Michigan

Building A Shared Vision for CCBHCs:

- Established a statewide committee of community partners that meets monthly to help guide CCBHC implementation, state initiatives, and project priorities.
- Brought community partners together, built partnerships, and created a shared understanding of how CCBHCs can better serve individuals and families in Michigan.
- Began building relationships with community mental health providers in Northern Michigan with the goal of improving access to services in the Upper Peninsula.

Sustainability and Financial Planning:

- Conducted financial analyses and sustainability planning with support from CCBHC-T to inform future decision-making.
- Began exploring options for sustaining CCBHC services, including exploring future funding pathways with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, to help ensure that CCBHC services built can remain available to Michigan individuals and families for years to come.

Through the CCBHC-T program, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan (CMHA) have partnered to create a single, centralized hub for CCBHC-T technical assistance. This collaboration serves to better align priorities, simplify communication, and make it easier for clinics to access the support they need in continuing to enhance their CCBHC implementation. The hub creates a clear channel for feedback from providers and other community partners, so technical assistance can be continuously improved and tailored to real-world needs — ultimately strengthening clinics' ability to deliver high-quality behavioral health care across the state.

In Year 1, 414 Michigan-based trainees enrolled to advance toward clinical behavioral health licensure through the CCBHC-T Workforce Career Accelerator.

The CCBHC-T Workforce Career Accelerator **will provide behavioral health professionals in Michigan with financial assistance to obtain their licensure/certification.**

Strengthening Data Systems:

- Began improving the data systems needed to support monitoring and improvement of the quality of behavioral health services delivered in CCBHCs.
- Worked to strengthen definitions, data collection practices, statewide tracking, and performance monitoring to ultimately help ensure Michigan individuals and families receive the highest quality of care.

Expanding the Behavioral Health Workforce:

- Enrolled 27 CCBHC sites and more than 400 behavioral health professionals in the Workforce Career Accelerator Program to increase the overall number of behavioral health clinicians in Michigan.
- Conducted a diagnostic assessment to identify workforce shortages in key behavioral health roles to guide future recruitment efforts.
- Prioritized strengthening and expanding peer support services within CCBHCs as a key workforce strategy.

During Year 1, 100 unique people representing all of Michigan's CCBHCs participated in the first learning series for clinics.

Year 2: What's Next for Michigan?

In Year 2 of the CCBHC-T Project, Michigan will build on the strong foundation of partnership established during the first year to advance its vision of a more coordinated, sustainable, and accessible behavioral health system.

A key priority will be ensuring that the progress made through CCBHCs can continue long into the future. To support this goal, the state will **continue exploring long-term funding strategies** via the advisement and support delivered through CCBHC-T, including Medicaid pathways, and will work to clearly demonstrate the value that CCBHCs bring to individuals, families, communities, and the broader health care system.

Michigan also plans to **strengthen partnerships with community mental health providers in rural areas**, particularly in the Upper Peninsula, to help ensure that people across the state have access to high-quality behavioral health services regardless of where they live.

At the same time, Michigan will **continue improving the data and quality systems** needed to monitor performance, measure outcomes, and drive ongoing improvement. This includes launching and refining a statewide clinic performance dashboard, developing community-centered quality standards, and updating expectations for service availability and access.

Another major focus for Year 2 will be **expanding and supporting the behavioral health workforce**. Michigan will continue implementing the CCBHC-T Workforce Career Accelerator program to increase the number of behavioral health clinicians in the state, while identifying opportunities to reduce administrative burden and help providers work to the full extent of their training and expertise.

Together, these efforts will help Michigan strengthen the workforce, improve access to care, and ensure that the CCBHC model remains a sustainable and effective resource for communities across the state.