

Workgroup Descriptions

Each workgroup will provide leadership and direction on practical and policy matters to help foster comprehensive community and state-level programming. Workgroups will review the needs and develop strategies to leverage opportunities to improve children's behavioral health across the state.

- *The workgroups must meet regularly (bimonthly or once per month) to establish group cohesion and develop a work plan. Each work group will recommend changes to align children's behavioral health programming with policy initiatives to optimize funding, decrease disparities, and improve outcomes for children with behavioral health needs and their families.*
- *While each work group co-chairs are appointed, membership is open to the public.*

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- ❖ **Strategic Planning Workgroup:** Task with developing a strategic plan that will identify strategies and goals to Transform Children's Behavioral Health across the state. Identified priority areas will guide the work of the various workgroups and subcommittees to ensure committee efforts are coordinated and are not duplicative against similar legislatively appointed behavioral health initiatives.
 - ❖ **Infrastructure Workgroup:** Guide TCBHPC activities and provide advisory recommendations to promote maximized efficiency in achieving children's behavioral health needs. Prospective work may include a landscape analysis to identify emerging needs and/or service implementation gaps relating to the allocation of resources, state insurance structures, funding, licensing requirements, workforce, and children's behavioral health system governance.
 - ❖ **Services Workgroup:** Focus on issues related to service. This may include inpatient, and outpatient acute services and intermediate services provided to children and families. The workgroup may review the needs and strategies for an effective continuum of care, service availability, and system capacity.
 - ❖ **Prevention Workgroup:** Examine and provide TCBHPC with advisory recommendations to improve children's behavioral health prevention services and programming. The group priorities may include: 1) preventing substance use and overdose; 2) enhancing access to suicide prevention and behavioral health services; 3) promoting resilience and emotional health for children, youth, and families; and 4) integrating behavioral and physical health care.
 - ❖ **School-Based Workgroup:** Advances efforts to ensure all school districts integrate trauma-informed approaches that provide equitable academic, social, emotional, behavioral, and physical well-being. This workgroup will strengthen collaborations across schools and community initiatives to improve school mental health services infrastructure.