

# Office of Mental Health Coordination

Cultivating multisystem collaborations to improve the behavioral health system in Texas.



The **Texas Health and Human Services Commission Office of Mental Health Coordination (OMHC)** addresses issues with behavioral health policy and services through multisystem collaborations. The cornerstone of OMHC is stakeholder engagement at local, state and federal levels, to help shape policies and recommendations for behavioral health services and programs.

Guiding the work of OMHC is the Texas Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan, developed by the Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council and coordinated across state agencies, state universities and the judiciary receiving state funds for behavioral health training, programs and services. OMHC is led by the Mental Health Statewide Coordinator.

## • Policy, Systems Coordination and Programming

- Texas System of Care
- Community Resource Coordination Groups
- Mental Health First Aid
- Trauma-Informed Care

## • Stakeholder Engagement and Strategic Planning

- Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council
- Texas Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan
- Behavioral Health Advisory Committee
- Housing and Health Collaborative

## • State Opioid Coordination

- Evaluation of Texas Targeted Opioid Response (TTOR)
- Tracks funding for opioid services

## Suicide Prevention Policy and Services

- Suicide Care Initiative (SCI)
- Resilient Youth Safer Environments (RYSE)
- Project Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education (AWARE)
- Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention training and technical assistance

## Veterans Mental Health Services

- Texas Veterans + Family Alliance Grant Program
- Veterans Suicide Prevention Action Plan
- Mental Health Program for Veterans



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# Get to Know the OMHC Teams

## Policy, Systems Coordination and Programming Team

Oversees initiatives related to children, youth and adult interagency collaboratives that involve local, state and federal partnerships to strengthen the behavioral health system and improve access to services. The team also oversees implementation of Mental Health First Aid by Local Mental Health Authorities and Local Behavioral Health Authorities to introduce participants to signs and symptoms of mental health and substance use concerns, build understanding of their impact, and provide an overview of common treatments and resources. Additionally, this team leads statewide trauma-informed care transformation, including policy development and training.



## Stakeholder Engagement & Strategic Planning Team

Supports the operation of government-mandated advisory committees and councils to identify and address gaps in behavioral health services. This area has a specialized focus in housing and behavioral health workforce policy and services. The team also leads the development and implementation of strategic plans with a behavioral health focus for the agency.



## State Opioid Coordination Team

Tracks funding for opioid services awarded to agencies, universities and other organizations in Texas. The team works to ensure that opioid services are not duplicated and gaps in opioid services are addressed through a coordinated comprehensive approach. The Statewide Opioid Coordinator consults on a national level with other states related to utilization of evidence-based practices to address the opioid crisis. This area provides evaluative support to the HHSC Texas Targeted Opioid Response (TTOR) team by leading the development of a strategic evaluation plan that encompasses all HHSC opioid-focused grants.



## Suicide Prevention Policy and Services Team

Oversees the development and implementation of statewide suicide prevention, intervention and postvention policy, programs, training, and technical assistance. The team also provides support to the Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council's Suicide Prevention Subcommittee.



## Veterans Mental Health Services Team

Oversees veteran mental health initiatives such as the Mental Health Program for Veterans and the Texas Veterans + Family Alliance Grant program, which improve the quality of life of Texas veterans and their families through support and increased access to mental health treatment and services.

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