



# Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Linkages (ACICBL)

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**Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People**



# Behavioral Health Workforce Development Programs

- ✓ **Growing the behavioral health workforce**
- ✓ **Increasing its capacity**
- ✓ **Improving the distribution of providers**
- ✓ **Promoting integration of service delivery**

## Impact:

- ▶ Projected to eliminate over 40% of the projected shortfall of behavioral health providers by 2025
- ▶ Over 14,000 students graduated and entered the behavioral health workforce between 2014 and 2019
- ▶ 4,849 new paraprofessionals are working as community health workers, peer educators, and substance use/addiction workers



# Behavioral and Public Health (BPH) Branch

## Graduate Psychology Education (GPE)

Prepares doctoral-level psychologists to provide integrated behavioral health to rural and underserved populations

## Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET)

Expands the behavioral health workforce (professional and paraprofessional) serving in rural and underserved areas

## Opioid Workforce Expansion Program (OWEP)

Trains behavioral health professionals and paraprofessionals in the provision of OUD and other SUD prevention, treatment, and recovery services in high need and high demand areas

## Opioid-Impacted Family Support (OIFSP)

Enhances and expands paraprofessionals' knowledge, skills and expertise, and increases the number of peer support specialists and other behavioral health-related paraprofessionals

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