



# Overview of Behavioral health Programs

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**Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People**



# Agenda

- 1 — Division of Nursing and Public Health and Behavioral and Public Health Branch Overview
- 2 — Professional Training Programs
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# Division of Nursing and Public Health (DNPH)

DNPH administers and provides oversight of nursing, behavioral and public health workforce development programs



Annual Budget:  +\$610M  FTEs:51

Awardees	Funding Mechanisms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic Institutions</li> <li>• Clinical Facilities</li> <li>• Community Partners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grants</li> <li>• Cooperative Agreements</li> <li>• Contracts</li> </ul>

## IMPACT

- Expanded academic-practice-community partnerships
- Enhancements to curriculum and clinical training
- Faculty development and other continuing education opportunities



# Behavioral and Public Health (BPH) Programs

Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Program for Professionals

Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Training-Children, Adolescents, Transitional Aged Youth for Professionals (BHWET-CAY)

Health and Public Safety Workforce Resiliency Technical Assistance Center (HPSWRTAC)

Health and Public Safety Workforce Resiliency Training (HPSWRTP) Program

Graduate Psychology Education (GPE) Program

Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Program for Paraprofessionals

Behavioral health Workforce Development Technical Assistance and Evaluation (BHWD TAE) Program

Regional Public Health Training Centers (PHTC) Program

Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Program for Professionals

Opioid Impacted Family Support Program (OIFSP)

Paraprofessional Apprenticeship Technical Assistance (PATA) Program



# Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training-Children, Adolescents, Transitional Aged Youth Program for Professionals (BHWET-CAY)

## **Purpose:**

The purpose of the BHWET-CAY Program is to increase the supply and distribution of behavioral health providers in rural and underserved communities to address the behavioral health needs of children, adolescents, and young adults (ages 16-25). The BHWET-CAY Program aims to address specific bottlenecks in recruiting and training behavioral health professionals including by providing stipends to support trainees during their clinical/experiential training and by increasing the supply of and training for clinical supervisors overseeing trainees.

## **Project Period:**

2 Years (September 30,2023-September 29, 2025)

## **Summary of Funding:**

23 Award recipients  
Approximately \$11.1M



# Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Program for Professionals (BHWET-Pro)

## Purpose:

- Increase the supply of behavioral health professionals, improve distribution of a quality behavioral health workforce and increase access to behavioral health services. A special focus is placed on the knowledge and understanding of children, adolescents, and transitional-aged youth at risk for behavioral health disorders.

## Project Period:

- 4-years (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2025)

## Program Outcome and Impact:

- Grantees in all ten HHS regions
- Since 2014, the BHWET programs have supported the clinical training of over 20,000 behavioral health professional and paraprofessionals.
- Since 2014, BHWET supported students have cumulatively provided 5.7 million hours of patient care in medically underserved communities and 2 million hours of care in rural areas.
- In AY2021-2022 BHWET-Pro trained 4,314 professionals



# Graduate Psychology Education (GPE) Program

## **Purpose:**

- To train doctoral health service psychology students, interns, and post-doctoral residents in integrated, interdisciplinary behavioral health for placement into community-based primary care settings in high need and high demand areas. The program also supports faculty development in health service psychology.

## **Project Period:**

- 3 years (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025)

## **Program Outcomes and Impact:**

- In AY2021-2022 GPE trained 373 graduate-level students in practica, internships, or post-doctoral residency programs in psychology
- Of GPE's 121 graduates who reported employment data:
  - 64 percent were already working in medically underserved communities.
  - 36 percent were already working in primary care settings at graduation.
- Of the 135 GPE prior year graduates with one-year follow-up data:
  - 55 percent currently work or train in medically underserved communities.



# Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET-Para) Program for Paraprofessionals

## **Purpose:**

- Develop and expand community-based experiential training to increase the supply of students preparing to become peer support specialists and other behavioral health-related paraprofessionals and improve distribution of a quality behavioral health workforce. A special focus is placed on the knowledge and understanding of the specific concerns of children, adolescents, and transitional-aged youth in high need and high demand areas at risk for behavioral health disorders.

## **Project Period:**

- 4 years (September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2025)

## **Program Outcome and Impact:**

- BHWET Programs helped enhance academic and community partnerships
- In AY2021-2022, 1,671 behavioral health paraprofessionals were trained through the BHWET-Para Program





# Opioid Impacted Family Support Program (OIFSP)

## Purpose:

- Support training programs that enhance and expand paraprofessionals knowledge, skills and expertise, and to increase the number of peer support specialists and other behavioral health-related paraprofessionals who work on integrated, interprofessional teams in providing services to children whose parents are impacted by opioid use disorders (OUD) and other substance use disorders (SUD), and their family members who are in guardianship roles. A special focus is on demonstrating knowledge and understanding of the specific concerns for children, adolescents and transitional aged youth in high need and high demand areas who are at risk for mental health disorders and SUDs.

## Project Period:

- 4 years (September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2024)

## Program Outcomes and Impact:

- In AY20, OIFSP awardees supported a total of 552 paraprofessionals.
- 39% were underrepresented minorities, 27% were from rural backgrounds, 55% were from disadvantaged backgrounds, 71% trained in substance use treatment, and 64% trained in opioid use treatment.



# Health and Public Safety Workforce Resiliency Training (HPSWRTP) Program

## **Purpose:**

- Plan, develop, operate or participate in health professions and nursing training activities using evidence-based or evidence-informed strategies, to reduce and address burnout, suicide, mental health conditions and substance use disorders and promote resiliency among health care students, residents, professionals, paraprofessionals, trainees, public safety officers, and employers of such individuals, collectively known as the “Health Workforce,” in rural and underserved communities.

## **Project Period:**

- 3 years (January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2024)

## **Program Outcome and Impact:**

- In FY22, HPSWRTP award recipients are using grants funds to: provide short-term training to promote resiliency; create and advance training interventions, protocols and system-wide approaches to reduce and address burnout, suicide, mental health conditions and substance use disorders; and develop innovative sustainability practices/models to promote provider resiliency and prevent or reduce health care professional burnout.



# Technical Assistance Centers and Programs

Health and Public Safety Workforce Resiliency Technical Assistance Center (HPSWRTAC)	Behavioral Health Workforce Development Technical Assistance and Evaluation (BHWDTAE) Program	Paraprofessional Apprenticeship Technical Assistance (PATA) Program
<p>Provides tailored training and technical assistance to HRSA’s health workforce resiliency grant recipients</p> <p>➤ Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish and enhance a network of partnerships among the HRSA’s health workforce resiliency grant recipients through regional partnerships to share best practices and leverage resources.</li> <li>• Enhance the capacity of HRSA’s health workforce resiliency grant.</li> <li>• Enhance HRSA’s health workforce resiliency grantee recipients framework by providing critically needed resources through technical assistance and training to the Health Workforce.</li> </ul>	<p>Develops and provides tailored technical assistance (TA) to the current and future grant recipient in these HRSA-funded programs: BHWET Pro, BHWET-Para; OWEP Pro; OWEP Para; GPE; and any other future HRSA-funded programs authorized by section 756 of the PHSA from FY21-FY24.</p> <p>➤ Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create community and academic partnerships to develop a behavioral health workforce that maximizes collaborative learning.</li> <li>• Build an educational and interconnected behavioral and public health infrastructure prepared to respond and provide treatment to those impacted by opioid use disorders (OUD) and other substance use disorders (SUD).</li> </ul>	<p>Provides technical assistance to awardees pursuing apprenticeships in the following HRSA-funded programs: OIFSP and BHWET-Para</p> <p>➤ Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the number of certified behavioral health paraprofessionals, including peer support specialists and community health workers, who work with families and individuals, including children, parents and custodial guardians impacted by opioid use disorders (OUD) and other substance use disorders (SUD) in high need and high demand areas.</li> <li>• Support award recipients with the Level II in-service component of the project, which includes assisting with the development of or partnering with a Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP.)</li> </ul>



# Forecasted Funding for FY2024



# OIFSP

- Total Funding: \$16,800,000
- Award Ceiling: \$600,000
- Expected Awards: 28
- Estimated Project Start Date: September 1, 2024

The purpose of this program is to support training programs that enhance and expand paraprofessionals knowledge, skills and expertise, and to increase the number of peer support specialists and other behavioral health-related paraprofessionals who work on integrated, interprofessional teams in providing services to children whose parents are impacted by opioid use disorders (OUD) and other substance use disorders (SUD), and their family members who are in guardianship roles. Additionally, a special focus is on demonstrating knowledge and understanding of the specific concerns for children, adolescents and transitional aged youth in high need and high demand areas who are at risk for mental health disorders and SUDs.

Link: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/349135>



# BHWET-PRO

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- Total Funding: \$153,000,000
- Expected Awards: 204
- Estimated Project Start Date: July 1, 2024

The purpose of this program is to increase the supply of behavioral health professionals trained to work with children, adolescents and transitional-aged youth at risk for behavioral health disorders by engaging and retaining families in mental health prevention and intervention programs.



Link: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/349144>



# BHWET-PARA

- Total Funding:
- Award Ceiling: --
- Expected Awards:
- Estimated Project Start Date: July 1, 2024

The purpose of this program is to increase the supply of behavioral health paraprofessionals trained to work with children, adolescents and transitional-aged youth at risk for behavioral health disorders by engaging and retaining families in mental health prevention and intervention programs.



Link: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/349145>

# Committee Discussion

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- Community-based experiential training sites
  - Need for clinical supervisors
- Stipend amounts for professional and paraprofessional programs





# Questions

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