

Survey Instrument

2021 Survey of Behavioral Health Workforce Employers

Organizational Characteristics

1) What is the primary treatment focus of your organization?

Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder

Integrated Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder

Primary Care only

Integrated Primary Care and Behavioral Health

Do not provide direct care services (end survey)

Other (please specify): _____

2) Which of the following describes your organization's practice setting? (Check all that apply)

Outpatient Ambulatory Facility

Certified community behavioral health clinic

Community mental health center or clinic

Community health center

Rural health clinic

Group practice or private practice

Substance use disorder outpatient center (including withdrawal management)

Crisis outpatient services (stand-alone)

Inpatient, Residential, or Long-Term Care Facility

Psychiatric rehabilitation facility (stand-alone)

Inpatient psychiatric or addiction treatment hospital

Academic medical center

Community hospital

Residential treatment facility (e.g. group home, supportive housing for individuals with mental illness, transitional housing)

Long term care facility or nursing home

Long-term acute care facility (LTAC)

Crisis residential facility

Hospice or palliative care facility

Rehabilitation facility

Other Setting

School (pre-K, elementary, middle, or high school)

Student health or counseling center at a college or university

Criminal justice system

Government agency (e.g. mental health/substance use agency, Medicaid agency, child welfare agency, veterans, etc.)

Managed care organization

Other (please specify): _____

3) What behavioral health services does your organization provide? Some categories may overlap, but please *check all that apply*.

- Acute care services
- Applied behavioral analysis
- Assertive community treatment (ACT or PACT)
- Assisted outpatient treatment (AOT)
- Care coordination/case management
- Coordinated specialty care
- Crisis stabilization
- Discharge planning services
- Diversion and jail-based services
- Geriatric behavioral health services
- Home health services
- Intensive outpatient treatment (IOT) or intensive outpatient program (IOP)
- Medication assisted treatment (MAT)
- Mental health inpatient services
- Mental health outpatient services
- Opioid Treatment Program (OTP)
- Outpatient day or evening treatment programs
- Partial hospitalization program (PHP)
- Psychiatric hospitalization
- Psychological screening
- Psychological testing and assessment
- Residential mental health treatment services
- Residential substance use disorder treatment services
- Residential detox services
- Substance use inpatient services
- Substance use outpatient services
- Support and recovery services (including peer support)
- Other (please specify): _____

4) What is the current approximate wait time for new clients and access to crisis services?

	Same Day	One week	Two weeks	Three weeks	Four weeks	Five weeks or more	N/A
New client intake (non-urgent)	()	()	()	()	()	()	()
New client visit with psychiatrist (or other prescriber)	()	()	()	()	()	()	()
Crisis services	()	()	()	()	()	()	()

Logic: **IF** Question “Does your organization currently offer telehealth services to your clients” #5 is one of the following answers (“No”) **THEN** Jump to Question “Does your treatment program or model include a Hub and Spokes for Opioid Use Disorder? If yes, please select if you are the Hub or Spoke.” #8

5) Does your organization currently offer telehealth services to your clients?

Yes

No

6) Approximately what percent (%) of your visits are currently offered via telehealth?

7) Approximately what percent (%) of your visits were offered via telehealth in 2019 (i.e. the year before the COVID-19 pandemic)? (indicate “0” if none)

8) Does your treatment program or model include a Hub and Spokes for Opioid Use Disorder?

Yes, as a Hub (specialty opioid treatment program clinic that dispenses medication and provides daily dosing and therapeutic services)

Yes, as a Spoke (general medical settings providing office-based opioid treatment in which medications are prescribed and patients are seen weekly or monthly)

No

Don't know

Staffing

9) Which of the following occupations are employed or contracted by your organization to provide mental health, substance use disorder, or addiction services? (Check all that apply)

Clinical Staff

Addiction Medicine Specialists

Addiction Psychiatrists

Licensed Clinical Social Workers or Licensed Certified Social Workers

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFT)

Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses

Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC; or LMHC, LCPC, LPCC, LCMHC, and LMHP)

Occupational therapist/physical therapists

PAs providing psychiatric care

Pharmacists

Primary Care Providers (MD, DO, NP, PA)

Psychiatric NPs

Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialists

Psychiatrists-Adult

Psychiatrists-Child & Adolescent

Psychologists

Registered Nurses

- Speech and language therapists
- Substance Use / Addiction Counselors
- Support Staff
- Care coordinators/case managers
- Community Health Workers
- Dietitians
- Employment and Education Specialists
- Health Education Specialists
- Home Health and Personal Aides
- Housing Specialists
- Nursing Assistants
- Patient Navigators
- Peer Support Specialists/Recovery Specialists (lived experience providing services to peers)
- Psychiatric Aides
- Psychiatric Technicians
- Social Workers (non-clinical)
- Other (please specify): _____

Logic: Hidden unless: Question “What behavioral health services does your organization provide? Some categories may overlap, but please check all that apply.” #3 is one of the following answers (“Assertive community treatment (ACT or PACT)”)

10) Approximately how many assertive community treatment (ACT) care teams does your organization currently have?

Logic: Hidden unless: Question “What behavioral health services does your organization provide? Some categories may overlap, but please check all that apply.” #3 is one of the following answers (“Assertive community treatment (ACT or PACT)”)

11) What is the staff composition of a typical assertive community treatment (ACT) team at your organization? Please list full time equivalents (FTEs).

	FTEs
Psychiatrist	_____
Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner	_____
Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist	_____
Psychologist	_____
Licensed Professional Counselor/Therapist (e.g. LCSW, LPC, LMFT)	_____
Case manager	_____
Registered Nurse	_____
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses	_____
Social Worker (non-clinical)	_____
Peer Support Specialist/Recovery Coach	_____
Employment or education specialist	_____
Community Health Workers	_____
Other (please specify): _____	_____
Don't know (indicate “0”)	_____

Logic: Hidden unless: Question “What behavioral health services does your organization provide? Some categories may overlap, but please check all that apply.” #3 is one of the following answers (“Assertive community treatment (ACT or PACT)”)

12) Which profession(s) typically fill the supervisor role in ACT teams at your organization? (Check all that apply)

- Psychiatrist
- Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner
- Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Psychologist
- Licensed Professional Counselor/Therapist (e.g. LCSW, LPC, LMFT)
- Other (please specify): _____

Logic: Hidden unless: Question “What behavioral health services does your organization provide? Some categories may overlap, but please check all that apply.” #3 is one of the following answers (“Assertive community treatment (ACT or PACT)”)

13) What is the typical caseload of your ACT teams?

- Clients per team: _____
- Don’t know

Logic: Hidden unless: Question “What behavioral health services does your organization provide? Some categories may overlap, but please check all that apply.” #3 is one of the following answers (“Assisted outpatient treatment (AOT)”)

14) What is the staffing composition of a typical assisted outpatient treatment (AOT) team at your organization? Please list full time equivalents (FTEs).

	FTEs
Psychiatrist	_____
Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner	_____
Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist	_____
Psychologist	_____
Licensed Professional Counselor/Therapist (e.g. LCSW, LPC, LMFT)	_____
Case manager	_____
Registered Nurse	_____
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses	_____
Social Worker (non-clinical)	_____
Peer Support Specialist/Recovery Coach	_____
Employment or education specialist	_____
Community Health Workers	_____
Other (please specify): _____	_____
Don’t know (indicate “0”)	_____

Logic: Hidden unless: Question “What behavioral health services does your organization provide? Some categories may overlap, but please check all that apply.” #3 is one of the following answers (“Assisted outpatient treatment (AOT)”)

15) Approximately how many clients received AOT services from your organization in the past 30 days?

Clients per team: _____

Don't know

Logic: Hidden unless: Question "Which of the following occupations are employed or contracted by your organization to provide mental health, substance use disorder, or addiction services? (Check all that apply)" #9 is one of the following answers ("Peer support specialists/Recovery specialists (lived experience providing services to peers)")

16) You indicated your organization offers peer support services. Are your peer support specialists (also referred to as recovery support specialists) certified?

Yes, all are certified

Yes, some are certified but not all

No

Don't know

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17) Are your peer support specialists pursuing certification while working at your organization?

Yes

No

Don't know

Logic: Hidden unless: Question "Which of the following occupations are employed or contracted by your organization to provide mental health, substance use disorder, or addiction services? (Check all that apply)" #9 is one of the following answers ("Peer support specialists/Recovery specialists (lived experience providing services to peers)")

18) How are peer support specialists compensated?

All are paid

All are volunteers

Some are paid and others volunteer

Don't know

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19) Does your organization receive any financial support for peer support specialist services? (Check all that apply)

Medicaid reimbursement

Private payer reimbursement

Other payers (e.g. TRICARE)

Federal grant funding

State grant funding

Other grant funding (e.g. private philanthropy, foundations)

We do not receive any reimbursement for peer support specialists

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20) In your setting, are peer support specialists used for patients with: (Check all that apply)

Serious mental illness

Substance use disorder

Homelessness

Other (please specify): _____

Logic: Hidden unless: Question “Which of the following occupations are employed or contracted by your organization to provide mental health, substance use disorder, or addiction services? (Check all that apply)” #9 is one of the following answers (“Care coordinators/case managers”)

21) You indicated your organization has case managers and/or care coordinators. What professions do you typically recruit/hire for this role? (Check all that apply)

Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Licensed Practical Nurse or Vocational Nurse (LPN or LVN)

Medical Assistant

Registered Nurse

Social Worker (non-clinical)

Community Health Worker

Other (please specify): _____

Logic: Hidden unless: Question “Which of the following occupations are employed or contracted by your organization to provide mental health, substance use disorder, or addiction services? (Check all that apply)” #9 is one of the following answers (“Pharmacists”)

22) You indicated your organization has pharmacists. Are any of your pharmacists board certified psychiatric pharmacists?

Yes

No

Don't know

Logic: Hidden unless: Question “Which of the following occupations are employed or contracted by your organization to provide mental health, substance use disorder, or addiction services? (Check all that apply)” #9 is one of the following answers (“Pharmacists”)

23) Do pharmacists at your site perform any of the following activities? (Check all that apply)

Medication management or medication review/reconciliation

Monitor/track medication adherence

Patient education

Dispense Naloxone using standing orders

Prescribe medications

None of the above

Recruitment and Retention

24) Does your organization have difficulty recruiting or retaining the following staff members? (Check all that apply)

CLINICAL STAFF	
Addiction Medicine Specialists	<input type="checkbox"/>
Addiction Psychiatrist	<input type="checkbox"/>
Licensed Clinical Social Workers or Licensed Certified Social Workers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists	
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses	<input type="checkbox"/>
Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC; or LMHC, LCPC, LPCC, LCMHC, and LMHP)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Occupational therapist/physical therapist	<input type="checkbox"/>
PAs providing psychiatric care	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pharmacists	<input type="checkbox"/>
Primary Care Providers (MD, DO, NP, PA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners	<input type="checkbox"/>
Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialists	<input type="checkbox"/>
Psychiatrists-Adult	<input type="checkbox"/>
Psychiatrists-Child & Adolescent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Psychologists	<input type="checkbox"/>
Registered Nurses	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speech and language therapist	<input type="checkbox"/>
Substance Use / Addiction Counselors	<input type="checkbox"/>
SUPPORT STAFF	
Care coordinators/case managers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Health Workers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dietitians	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employment and education specialists	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health education specialists	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home Health and personal Aides	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing specialists	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nursing Assistants	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patient navigators	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peer support specialists/recovery specialists (lived experience providing services to peers)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Psychiatric aides	<input type="checkbox"/>
Psychiatric technicians	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Workers (non-clinical)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify): _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

25) What are some of the likely reasons behind your recruitment and retention challenges? (Check all that apply)

- General shortage of occupation(s) in area
- Insufficient educational pipeline in the area
- Wages not competitive

- Limited benefits
- Limited job security due to grant funding or other issue
- Lack of peers/professional network
- Geographic location
- Office conditions (e.g. space limitations, outdated facilities)
- Lack of support personnel
- High case load requirements
- Challenging patient/client population
- Other (please explain): _____

26) Are there any occupations where recruitment or retention challenges led you to do any of the following in the last 6 months? (Check all that apply)

- Use locum tenens
- Contract with providers outside the organization
- Substitute other professions
- Use psychologists/counselors-in-training
- Use service extenders
- Use volunteers
- Other (please specify): _____
- None of the above

STAFFING NEEDS

27) How would you rate the adequacy of your organization’s current level of staffing to meet patient/client needs in the following areas?

	Overstaffed	Adequately Staffed	Somewhat Understaffed	Severely Understaffed	N/A
Services for serious mental illness	()	()	()	()	()
Services for substance use disorder	()	()	()	()	()
Mental health services for mild/moderate mental illness	()	()	()	()	()
Prevention and recovery Services	()	()	()	()	()
Support services (e.g. housing, vocational, food, transportation)	()	()	()	()	()
Bilingual services (language/translation)	()	()	()	()	()

28) If funding were not an issue, approximately how many FTEs of each profession listed below would you hire immediately to address staffing gaps identified above?

	1 or fewer FTEs	2-4 FTEs	5-10 FTEs	>10 FTEs	N/A
Addiction Psychiatrist	()	()	()	()	()
Addiction Medicine Specialists	()	()	()	()	()
Psychiatrists-Adult	()	()	()	()	()
Psychiatrists-Child & Adolescent	()	()	()	()	()

Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialists	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Primary Care Providers (MD, DO, NP, PA)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pharmacists	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nurses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Psychologists (PhD, PsyD)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clinical behavioral health specialists (e.g. LCSWs, LPCs, MFT)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Care coordinators/case managers and/or housing specialists, vocational specialists	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peer Support Specialists/recovery specialists	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technicians	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify): _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

29) What are the barriers to addressing these staffing needs?

30) What policy, regulatory, and/or payment changes (if any) are needed to further optimize use of your behavioral health workforce?

31) Did your organization have to furlough any employees as a result of COVID-19?

- Yes, but we have since rehired all (or nearly all) positions
- Yes, and staffing remains significantly reduced
- Yes, and staffing remains moderately reduced
- No, but it was financially challenging to keep people on
- No, this was not an issue for us

32) What populations are served by your organization? (Check all that apply)

- Adolescents (ages 12-17)
- Adults (ages 18-64)
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian or Asian American
- Black or African American
- Children (ages 5-11)
- Hispanic, Latino/a, or Spanish origin
- Immigrants
- Individuals experiencing homelessness
- Individuals for whom English is a second language
- Individuals with developmental disabilities
- Individuals with justice-involvement (currently or formerly)
- Individuals with low socioeconomic status
- LGBTQ
- Military service members and dependents
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- Pregnant/postpartum women

- Rural/agricultural
- Seniors (older adults aged 65+)
- Veterans
- Other (please specify): _____

33) Which form(s) of payment does your organization accept? (Check all that apply)

- Medicaid
- Medicare
- Commercial insurance
- TRICARE (Military/DOD)
- Self-pay
- Sliding scale
- Grants/contracts/private fundraising
- Other (please specify): _____

34) Approximately how many clients does your organization serve annually?

- Fewer than 1,000
- 1,000-4,999
- 5,000-9,999
- 10,000-24,999
- 25,000-49,999
- 50,000 or more
- Don't know

Thank you for participating in this important survey. Your responses will provide critical insight into the workforce caring for individuals with mental health and substance use disorders.