



Join the Behavioral Health (BH) Fellows Program and make a difference.

BH Fellows Program

Program Description	The BH Fellows program is a new initiative sponsored by Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS) in partnership with - Community Care Behavioral Health, and Jewish Healthcare Foundation. BH Fellows offers behavioral health direct care workers the opportunity to have their student loans repaid, while earning a competitive salary, in exchange for providing behavioral health services to Allegheny County's most vulnerable.	
Financial Benefits	BH Fellows offers two types of financial benefits: 1) Educational Loan repayment OR 2) Free access to an approved professional certificate program.	
Award Amounts		2 years full-time
	Fellows with educational debt for a master's degree	Up to \$45,000
	Fellows with educational debt for a bachelor's degree	Up to \$25,000
	Non-degree fellows	Free professional certificate access
Service Commitment	BH Fellows agree to complete two years of full-time employment in a program-eligible behavioral health role with a program-eligible provider. (Note: educational loan repayment will be paid once the Fellow has completed the two-year service commitment).	
What are the Target Service Areas	BH Service Providers in Allegheny County offering the following high-need services to Medicaid ("HealthChoices") members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blended Service Coordination • Family Based Mental Health • Diversion and Acute Stabilization for Children • Crisis Services • Targeted Case Management – Substance Use Disorder • Integrated Dual Disorder Treatment 	

Where Participants Serve	Level of Care/Target Service Area	Providers
	<i>Blended Service Coordination</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staunton Clinic • Human Services Administration Organization • Mon Yough Community Services • Pittsburgh Mercy • Pressley Ridge • Western Psychiatric Hospital
	<i>Family Based Mental Health</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pressley Ridge • Western Psychiatric Hospital • Southwood Psychiatric Hospital • Family Links • Wesley Family Services • Allegheny Children's Initiative
	<i>Crisis Services</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • resolve (Western Psychiatric Hospital)
	<i>Child Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility – Diversion and Acute Stabilization Program</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pittsburgh Mercy • Southwood Psychiatric Hospital (end of 2023)
	<i>Targeted Case Management – SUD</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Services Administration Organization • Merakey
	<i>Integrated Dual Disorder Treatment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pittsburgh Mercy
Eligibility Requirements	<p>To be eligible for loan repayment, applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a social security number; • Have earned a bachelor's degree or a master's degree and have outstanding educational loans; and • Be employed full-time at a BH Fellows-participating provider in a Target Service Area <p>To be eligible for free certificate access, applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have earned a high school diploma or equivalent • Be employed full-time at a BH Fellows-participating provider in a Target Service Area 	
Funding Preference	Preference is given to qualified applicants based on the greatest financial need	
Current Staff	<p>Cohort 1 is for current staff. Current staff means staff currently working for an Allegheny County BH service provider <i>within that provider's program to offer services to MA/HealthChoices members</i>. Preference will go to current staff working for a program-sponsoring provider in a Target Service Area.</p> <p>Cohort 3 is for current staff <i>and</i> new-hire staff.</p>	
Application Process for Current Staff Now Working for an Allegheny Co. BH Provider	<p>Step 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply to the BH Fellows Program for Cohort 1 or Cohort 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cohort 1 applications are due March 31 ○ Cohort 3 applications are due July 15 (the application window for Cohort 3 is not open yet) <p>Step 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the Target Service Areas, program-eligible roles, and participating providers <p>Step 3</p> <p>Make sure you are in a program-eligible role so you receive service credit toward your two-year service obligation</p>	
Tax Liability	The loan repayment award is taxable	
Website	Acdhs.org/BH-Fellows	