

**Harford County Health Department
Local Health Improvement Plan (LHIP)
Behavioral Health Sub-Committee**

Goals:

- Develop mechanisms to integrate mental health and substance abuse treatment
- Improve the delivery of behavioral health services

Principles in the development of an integrated behavioral health system:

- Realistic, fundable, sustainable and include promising practice approaches

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Develop a no-wrong door approach			
Focused approach to include - Prevention, Intervention, and Recovery			
Decreasing youth alcohol use/drinking parties			
Increasing parent involvement			
Decreasing language barriers			
Increasing ways to reach students through schools			

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Addressing funding gaps			
Using public and social media: tv, radio, facebook, etc.			
Managing the landscape of health care reform			
Collaborate/connect private and public providers together in addressing issues			
Utilizing private practitioners/medical clinics for screenings (such as depression screening)			
Addressing social norms regarding negative youth behaviors			
Utilizing clergy and religious in outreach and identification			
Identifying and addressing veterans' needs			

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Helping parents access help early			
Addressing the high levels of stress reported among county residents			
Increasing positive youth activities			
Connect with community – education about screening, treatment and monitoring prescription medications			
Use of media to educate about warning signs			
Promote recovery and support through peers			