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# Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health

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# Development and Purpose

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- The Department of Human Services (DHS) released a Request for Proposal (RFP) to develop the Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health (CEBH).
- Provide training, technical assistance, and fidelity monitoring for entities responsible for developing and implementing evidence-based practices for individuals with serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance, and co-occurring conditions in Iowa.

# Evidence-based Practices (EBPs)

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**ACT**

Assertive Community  
Treatment



**IPS**

Individual Placement and  
Support



**PSH**

Permanent Supportive  
Housing

# Award

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- Contract was awarded to the Center for Disabilities and Development (CDD) at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.
- CDD is Iowa's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD).
- CDD is partnering with the Iowa Consortium for Substance Abuse Research and Evaluation for the Environmental Scan.
- Both CDD and the Consortium have a long history of working collaboratively with state departments, MHDS providers, community stakeholders, and individuals with lived experience.

# Environmental Scan

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- Conduct baseline environmental scan of EBPs for:
  - Adults with serious mental illness
  - Children with serious emotional disturbance, and
  - Individuals with co-occurring conditions in Iowa
- Provide recommendations to DHS for aligning EBPs with current best practices, workforce capacity, and the needs of Iowa's behavioral health system.
- Conducted by the Iowa Consortium for Substance Abuse Research and Evaluation.

# Environmental Scan Methods

## MHDS Regions

- Electronic Survey
  - Late May 2022
- Virtual interview
  - Early June 2022

## Focus EBP Providers

- Electronic Survey
  - Early June 2022
- As requested, virtual interviews
  - Mid June 2022

## Behavioral Health Service Providers

- Electronic Survey
  - Mid June 2022

# Environmental Scan Content

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- ACT, IPS, and PSH Information to be collected:
  - Trainings being provided
  - Training needs for providers
  - Fidelity reviews conducted
  - Technical assistance needs
  - Current stakeholder groups
- Comprehensive list of community-based EBPs being provided throughout the state

# Stakeholder Input

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- ACT, IPS and PSH stakeholder advisory groups
  - Existing groups will be utilized when possible
- Membership will include
  - Providers,
  - Regional representation,
  - Individuals with lived experience, and
  - Additional stakeholders determined by the EBP
- ACT and IPS will start meeting in late Fall 2022
- PSH will start meeting in Winter 2022



# Project Leadership Committee

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- Purpose and Commitment
  - Provide guidance regarding CEBH development and progress
  - Will meet at least quarterly for approximately 2 hours
- Committee Members
  - CEBH Leadership
  - MHDS Staff
  - IDPH Staff
  - MHDS Regional CEO

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# Questions?

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