

Objectives and Focus Areas for the Integration of Physical Health, Mental Health, Substance Use, and Addiction

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1) Promote workplace physical health, mental health, substance use and addiction supports, e.g., Employee Assistance Programs (EAP) and Family Leave.						
2) Increase employer understanding of mental health importance and cost savings.						
3) Increase public health, mental health, substance use, and addiction workforces.						
4) Increase high school, college age and minorities' interest in the public health, mental health, substance use, and addiction fields.						
5) Increase provider and family knowledge of maternal and infant mental health.						
6) Increase provider knowledge of children/youth mental health.						
7) Increase provider knowledge of substance use, and addiction.						

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8) Develop efforts to support physical, mental, substance use, and addiction screening by physicians/ Health Systems.						
9) Support anti-stigma messaging.						
10) Develop efforts to support anti-bullying.						
11) Support teen mental health, substance use, and suicide screening tools.						
12) Develop partnership between tech colleges and state/local mental health agencies to increase interest in public health, mental health, substance use, and addiction fields.						
13) Increase effort with colleges/universities to recruit students of color for public health, mental health, substance use, and addiction professions.						
14) Assure safe and healthy recreational opportunities across the life span.						
15) Increase community awareness of the need for funding of services.						

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16) Increased community members' knowledge of physical health, mental health / mental illness, substance use, and addiction.						
17) Increase State inter-Divisional and inter-Departmental collaboration to support the integration of physical health, mental health, substance use, and addiction.						
18) Expand Medicaid (MA) coverage and other insurance coverages for physical health, mental health, substance use, and addiction services.						
19) Assure and provide for cultural and linguistic competency.						
20) Encourage physical health, mental health, substance use, and addiction coverage in contracting.						