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The Florida Behavioral Health Association Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Statement

Tallahassee, Fla. – The Florida Behavioral Health Association (FBHA) thanks the Legislature for passing the [Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act](#) and for its efforts to safeguard behavioral health services for Florida communities.

“With this investment in Florida’s community mental health and substance use disorder services, providers can continue to offer the full continuum of behavioral healthcare to individuals and families,” said **FBHA President and CEO Melanie Brown Woofter**. “In a tight budget year when difficult decisions had to be made, these increases to mental health and substance use services drive home the message that the well-being of all Floridians remains critically important.”

The FY 2026-27 budget funds an increase in community mental health and substance use recurring general revenue, including

- \$5 million increase to the [988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline](#);
- \$7 million increase for Central Receiving Facilities to continue expanding lifesaving crisis services statewide; and,
- nearly \$10 million increase in community treatment beds.

The budget also continues the investment of the opioid settlement funds, adds \$15 million to the children’s Statewide Inpatient Psychiatric Program, and provides a 5% rate increase to providers of substance use treatment services for individuals as an alternative to incarceration.

“On behalf of FBHA’s community mental health and substance use disorder providers statewide, we are grateful to the Senate and House of Representatives for continuing to recognize the importance of mental health and substance use disorder services by boldly taking innovative steps to help community providers save lives, and create stronger families and safer communities,” **said Brown Woofter.**

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FBHA represents over 70 community mental health and substance use treatment providers throughout the state. FBHA’s members span from Pensacola to Key West, serve over half a million individuals each year, and provide services in every county in Florida. These community providers primarily serve the uninsured, underinsured, and the Medicaid populations. Visit Floridabha.org to find a list of community providers and get connected with mental health and substance use treatment, along with other services.