



2025-2026 ANNUAL REPORT



Florida Behavioral
Health Association

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YOUR BRIDGE TO HOPE, HEALING, AND COMMUNITY.



With its members spanning from Pensacola to Key West, the Florida Behavioral Health Association represents Florida's longstanding safety net community mental health and substance use service providers, who care for individuals **in every county in the state and serve over half a million Floridians each year.**

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERS

Agency for Community Treatment Services (ACTS)

Agape Network

Alpert Jewish Services of Palm Beach

Apalachee Center

Archways, Inc.

Aspire Health Partners

Banyan Community Health

Baycare Behavioral Health

Better Way of Miami

Boley Centers, Inc.

Brave Health

Bridgeway Center

Bridges International

Broward Addiction Recovery Center

CDAC Behavioral Healthcare

Centerstone Florida

Central Florida Treatment Center

Charlotte Behavioral Health Care

Child Guidance Center

Circles of Care

Citrus Health Network

Clay Behavioral Health Center

Community Health of South Florida, Inc.

Community Assisted and Supported Living

David Lawrence Centers for Behavioral Health

Devereux

Directions for Living

DISC Village

Douglas Gardens Community Mental Health Center

Drug Abuse Foundation of Palm Beach County

Drug Abuse Treatment Association

Eleos Wellness & Support

EPIC Behavioral Healthcare

Fellowship House

Florida Palms Academy

Gateway Community Services

Hanley Foundation

Health Care District Palm Beach County

Henderson Behavioral Health

House Next Door

House of Hope

Ibis Healthcare

IMPOWER

Lakeview Center

Life Management Center of Northwest Florida

LifeStream Behavioral Center

Lightshare Behavioral Wellness & Recovery

Meridian Healthcare

New Horizons Community Mental Health Center

New Horizons of the Treasure Coast and Okeechobee

Operation PAR

Park Place Behavioral Health Care

Passageway Residence of Dade County, Inc.

Peace River Center

Phoenix House Florida

Recovery Connections of Central Florida

SalusCare

SMA Healthcare

South County Mental Health Center

St. Augustine Youth Services

Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare

STEPS

Suncoast Center

Tampa General Behavioral Health Hospital

The Henry and Rilla White Foundation

The Transition House

Tri-County Human Services

WestCare Florida

- Guidance Care Center
- GulfCoast
- The Village South

FAST FACTS



70+ Organizational
Members & **30+**
Corporate Partners

OVER HALF A MILLION

Floridians are cared for
each year by FBHA members



19,500+ Employees Make Up Our Workforce



30 FBHA Members
have recieved
CCBHC Grants



40+ Members Have
Provided Services
for **over 30 Years**

**“AS FBHA MEMBERS, WE ALL
SERVE AS THE BRIDGE TO
HEALTH, SAFETY, AND RESILIENCE,
CONNECTING INDIVIDUALS AND
FAMILIES TO THE CARE AND
SUPPORT THEY NEED TO THRIVE.”**

— IRENE TOTO, CLAY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER,
FBHA AND FADAA BOARD MEMBER

PROGRAM PERSPECTIVES

19 members have a Central Receiving Facility

24 members operate **44** Community Action Treatment Teams

24 members have a licensed Crisis Stabilization Unit

18 members operate **22** Family Intensive Treatment Teams



20 members operate **31** Florida Assertive Community Treatment Teams

23 members have a Pregnant Moms and Babies Program

47 members offer Medication-Assisted Treatment

26 members operate **42** Mobile Response Teams

12 members do supported housing



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CHAIR



FBHA PRESIDENT/CEO

MELANIE BROWN WOOFER

Every day, our members are on the front lines of behavioral health, caring for individuals, supporting families, and creating a pathway to recovery. Over the past year, our work has been amplified through a shared commitment to advocacy, innovation, and education - forming the bridge that moves Florida's behavioral health system from the past to the future. Members, thank you for an outstanding year. Together we advocated at the state and national levels for policies and investments that strengthen families and make communities safer. None of this would be possible without your unwavering support and commitment. We are grateful for your partnership. I would like to recognize and thank the incredible FBHA staff who are the foundation of our success. Their unwavering dedication and collective expertise are the force that moves us from vision to meaningful action and makes our industry better. As we celebrate seven years of FBHA, we look forward with confidence. Together, we are strong.

— *Melanie*



FBHA CHAIR

SCOTT BURGESS

As I reflect on my second year as Chair of FBHA, I am filled with deep gratitude for the unwavering dedication of our Executive Committee, the commitment of our Board of Directors, and the exceptional leadership and expertise of the FBHA staff. The progress Florida's community mental health and substance use disorder treatment providers have made would not be possible without the collective vision, collaboration, and determination of our members.

Even in the face of challenges, our purpose has remained clear, and the importance of our work has never been more evident. Together, we have continued to advocate for the people and communities we serve, strengthen Florida's behavioral health system, and advance meaningful solutions that improve lives.

The accomplishments we have achieved this year are a powerful testament to the hard work, passion, and tireless commitment of FBHA. I am honored to serve alongside each of you and proud of what we continue to accomplish together.

- Scott

2026 IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

ACCOUNTABILITY

- Collected operational and fiscal information for member benchmarking
- Created two new Resource Hubs
 - Opioid Use Disorder Training Hub
 - Person-Centered Response Care Hub
- Developed Florida-specific outcome measures to demonstrate the impact of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC)
- Increased corporate partner membership with data system and platform vendors





WORKFORCE

- Conducted listening session on workforce issues with the Florida Center for Behavioral Health Workforce
- Facilitated recruitment and retention strategies and innovations in FBHA workgroups and divisions
- Focused on training and best practices for workplace safety
- Modernized workforce data to support provider recruitment
- Served as liaison with state agencies for workforce recruitment initiatives



RAN A CCBHC VIDEO SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN.

FACEBOOK

(May 1 – May 31, 2026)

10,500 total views

3,300 total viewers

**629 visits to FBHA's
Facebook page**

300 interactions

36 new followers

**TOP POST:
SMA's CCBHC Video
with 720 views**

INNOVATION AND SYSTEM OF CARE

- Continued advocacy and education for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics at the federal and state level alongside policy stakeholders and community partners
- Maintained Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics infrastructure with timely and effective state funding
- Represented behavioral health priorities and provided recommendations at the new Florida Medicaid Advisory Committee and Beneficiary Advisory Council
- Provided subject matter expertise and member input on emerging policy implementation and rule development, including
 - Community Action Treatment Teams
 - DLA-20 Assessments
 - Medicaid Provider Enrollment
 - Mobile Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Advocated for policies to facilitate appropriate discharge from receiving facilities
- Increased flexibility to maximize funding and services for Florida Assertive Community Treatment Teams
- Resolved provider licensing issues and improved issue resolution for affected members



FOUR YEARS OF GROUNDBREAKING WORK

Florida's Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Concluded in 2026

- Under the direction of Governor Ron DeSantis and the Florida Legislature, Florida's Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use brought together leaders including elected officials, agency heads, treatment providers, academic researchers, and persons with lived experience from across Florida to evaluate mental health and substance use services and identify opportunities for improvement.
- Since the Commission's establishment in 2021, FBHA proudly had four members on the Commission who were appointed by Governor DeSantis and the Legislature, including Dr. Jay Reeve, who served as the chair of the Commission, Melissa Larkin-Skinner, Doug Leonardo, and Shawn Salamida.
- Accomplishments include...
 - 2025 Baker Marchman Act Revision
 - Adoption of DLA-20 outcome measures
 - Creation of the first comprehensive Behavioral Health Data Repository for the state of Florida
 - Formation of Behavioral Health Teaching Hospitals
 - Inception of regional behavioral health collaboratives



2026 IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

Investments in Florida's behavioral health system

- **Agency for Health Care Administration** – an increase of \$15 million for a rate increase to the children's statewide inpatient psychiatric program
- **Department of Children and Families**
 - \$9.9 million increase for residential beds
 - \$7 million increase for 2 additional Central Receiving Facilities in Pasco and Bay counties
 - \$5 million increase for additional 988 services
 - \$4.7 million in recurring funding to continue a Miami-Dade county pilot project for mothers and children mental health services
 - Continuation of the \$1.5 million of recurring funding plus an additional \$2 million in non-recurring general revenue for naltrexone extended-release injectable specific medication-assisted treatment
- **Department of Corrections** – \$1.5 million increase for a rate increase to the residential and outpatient substance use providers
- **Office of the State Courts Administrator** - Continuation of \$11 million recurring general revenue and an additional \$250,000 non-recurring general revenue for medication-assisted treatment to treat alcohol or opioid-addicted individuals involved, or likely to become involved in the criminal justice system
- Over \$36 million in non-recurring member special projects
 - After the Governor's \$1.7 billion in budget vetoes, 96% of FBHA member projects were preserved



PROGRAM DASHBOARD

85
TRAINING
EVENTS
DELIVERED

33,031
INDIVIDUALS
TRAINED

24,369
CONTINUING
EDUCATION
UNITS AWARDED

237
NEW RESOURCES
ADDED TO
THE RESOURCE
CENTER

93.3
PERCENT
SATISFACTION
RATING
FOLLOWING
TRAINING EVENTS

49,893
RESOURCE
CENTER
VISITS

62
TREATMENT
PROVIDERS WHO
DELIVERED MAT

2,957
PATIENTS
WHO
RECEIVED A
MAT MEDICATION

5.92
AVERAGE
VIVITROL SHOTS
PER PATIENT

11
TRAINING SESSIONS
AT CORRECTIONAL
VENUES

178
CORRECTIONAL
PROFESSIONALS
TRAINED

86
TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE VISITS
COMPLETED

PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (LMS)

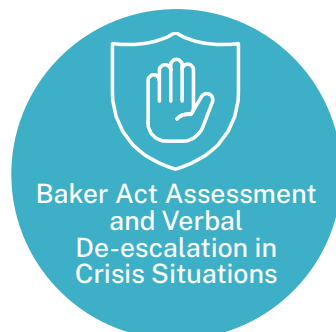
FBHA administers DCF's Learning Management System, providing more than 70 training and continuing education courses for Florida's mental health and substance use professionals.

- During the past year



WEBINAR SUCCESSES

- FBHA administers webinars designed for professionals in the substance use and mental health sector, including behavioral health practitioners, prevention specialists, peer recovery professionals, healthcare providers, and community-based organizations. Webinars offer continuing education credits and are archived in a training library for on-demand access
- During the past year, a total of 23 webinars were produced and published training nearly 5,000 professionals. The two most highly attended sessions were



MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) PROGRAMS AND TRAINING

MAT Programs link individuals to a whole-patient approach for treating substance use disorders and preventing substance-related overdoses. FBHA developed and maintains a network of 62 community-based providers to administer MAT and reimburses providers for screening, assessment, and the cost of medications.

- Program successes
 - 1,968 new patients were screened for treatment services
 - 1,798 received a medical assessment and laboratory services
 - 2,957 individuals received medication
 - 5,635 injections of extended-release injectable naltrexone
 - 1,148 injections of long-acting buprenorphine
 - 79,401 doses of sublingual/buccal buprenorphine



- 49,407 doses of methadone
- 1,196 doses of oral naltrexone
- 287 doses of acamprosate



PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PEER PRESCRIBER MENTORS' ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- In Fiscal Year 2025-26, the Peer Prescriber Mentors
 - Updated five medication-assisted treatment (MAT) trainings in the FADAA Resource Library.
 - Provided 21 technical assistance and mentoring sessions to hospital emergency departments, Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORE) programs, Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) providers, and DCF Hospital Bridge meetings with the Managing Entities
 - Delivered six presentations at BHCon2025
 - Led 13 provider trainings
 - Hosted 11 Ask-the-Doc sessions for MAT in Corrections trainings in 5 counties



TRAINING SUCCESSES

- FBHA administered the MAT in Corrections Training Program in county jails to equip correctional staff with knowledge and skills about opioid use disorder and medications used to treat it
 - Conducted 11 sessions and trained 173 individuals
- Provided 54 training scholarships to clinicians to become certified in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing



COMMUNICATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS



FBHA WAS MENTIONED ...

over **130** times, with **20** online mentions and nearly **120** mentions on social media, having a total reach of **3.5 million**.

With increasing awareness and trends in behavioral health, FBHA spoke about a variety of important topics, including suicide prevention, Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics, Alcohol Awareness Month, BHCon2025, Behavioral Health Day, and much more.

FBHA members were mentioned over **3,000 times**, with **over 920** online mentions and **over 2,000** mentions on social media.





Quotes from the News

"I think that there is a very strong awareness among our legislators and our leadership of the importance of suicide prevention. The importance of mental health and substance use treatment. So, while it will be competitive, I think that we are in a very good position, and we certainly hope that that funding will continue,"

— explained Melanie Brown Woofert. — Tampa Bay 28, September 25, 2025, Wendy Ryan

"This really is an opportunity for rural Floridians who are proud of their communities and proud of their heritage, the opportunity to strengthen and stabilize where they live, where they play, and where they work. And so by the outcomes of this in making individuals healthier, we make families healthier and we make communities stronger,"

said Melanie Brown Woofert, President & CEO, Florida Behavioral Health Association. — WMBB-TV, April 21, 2026, Peyton Gay

EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



FBHA Membership and Board Meetings: FBHA hosted four membership and board meetings during the fiscal year, gathering in Clearwater, Orlando, St. Augustine, and Tallahassee.



Behavioral Health Day: On October 15, 2025, FBHA members and partners gathered at the Historic Florida Capitol Museum for Behavioral Health Day. FBHA was proud to have agency leaders and other stakeholders join in the recognition.



FBHA BBQ: Under the string lights at the Old Historic Lewis House, FBHA members and partners joined state legislators for an evening of networking, food, and fun on October 13, 2025, at the FBHA BBQ.



Opioid and Stimulant Forum: The 2025 Opioid and Stimulant Forum took place on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at the JW Marriott Grande Lakes in Orlando. This year's event was held alongside the Department of Children and Families' Child Summit and focused on the medication first approach and substance use among older adults.



FBHA Administrator's Forum: FBHA members, colleagues, and partners gathered together in Clearwater on June 16, and June 17, 2026, for FBHA's annual Administrator's Forum. The program consisted of three tracks - Financial/Regulatory, Human Resources, and Technology. New this year was an opening general session led by OPEN MINDS' Chief Strategy Officer Paul Duck. Sponsorships by Bristol Culinary Management & Facility Services, Chorus Innovations, Health Management Associates, and Streamline Healthcare made the event possible.

2026 IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

BHCON2025

BHCon2025 brought almost **1,800** mental health and substance use treatment professionals together in Orlando. During the three-day event, BHCon hosted **17** sponsors, **144** exhibitors, **192** speakers, **119** sessions, and **3** keynotes.

Of the **almost 1,800** attendees, **749** of them represented FBHA organizational members.

62 FBHA members sent staff to BHCon2025.



TOP 10 MEMBERS REGISTERED

- 45** Aspire Health Partners
- 40** WestCare Florida
- 37** Centerstone Florida
- 36** SMA Healthcare
- 33** Operation PAR
- 32** Tri-County Human Services
- 28** Directions for Living
- 28** Hanley Foundation
- 28** Citrus Health Network
- 27** Baycare Behavioral Health Hospital

2025 ATTENDEE SNAPSHOT





95% OF ATTENDEES SAID BHCON2025 WAS EXCELLENT OR GOOD.

"I met so many fellow workers in the industry and learned so much about how to better my own life and the lives of the individuals I work with daily."

"I love [BHCon] because it gives me the chance to connect and collaborate with others in similar roles and organizations. The networking opportunities are always great, and I thought this year's theme was fantastic. The opening and closing speakers were both awesome!"

"It is so well put together, and the keynote speakers are absolutely inspiring."



Left: NASA Astronaut Captain Scott Kelly delivered his keynote address on Wednesday, August 20, to BHCon2025. **Middle:** Author KC Davis shared her lived experience with ADHD onstage during BHCon2025. **Right:** Motivational speaker Emma Benoit offered her powerful testimony of hope and healing to close out BHCon2025.

2025 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE



Ron Stanford, with David Lawrence Centers, won Peer/Recovery Support Specialist of the Year.



Terri McDonald, with LifeStream Behavioral Center, won Youth Clinician of the Year.



Jennifer Falco, with Devereux, won Adult Clinician of the Year.



Kenneth Whitlock, with Circles of Care, Inc., won Supervisor/Administrator of the Year.



Lara Babalola Adejokun, with Aspire Health Partners, won Medical Professional of the Year.



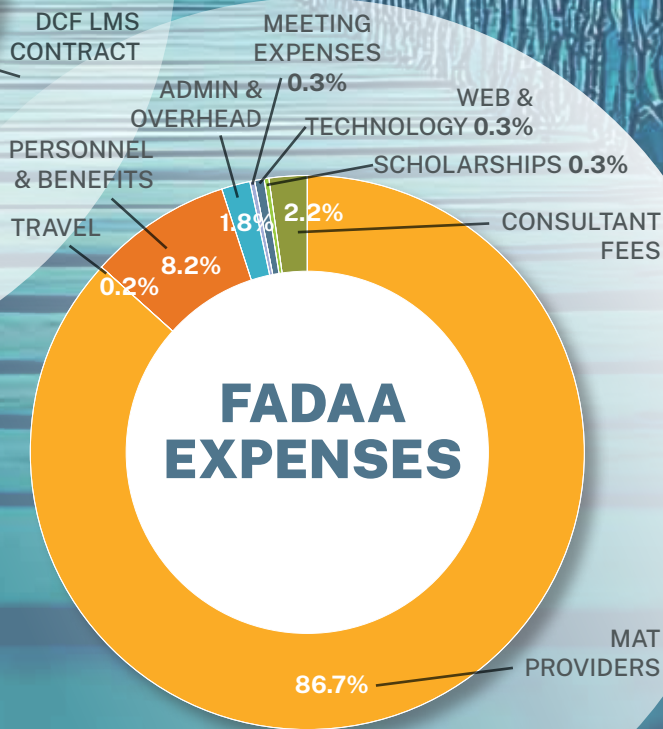
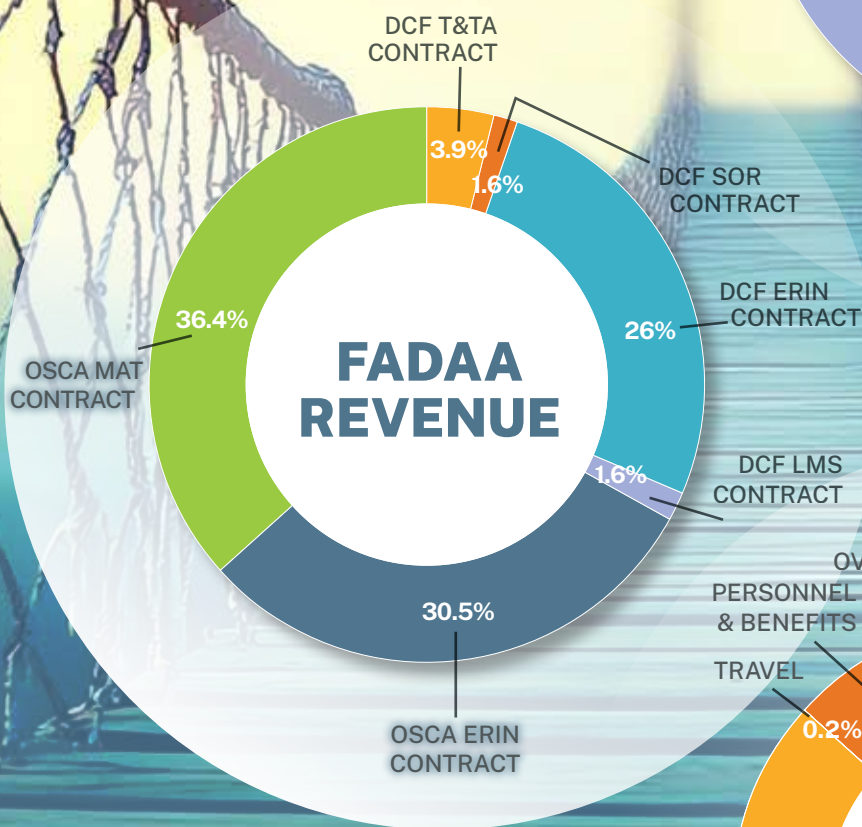
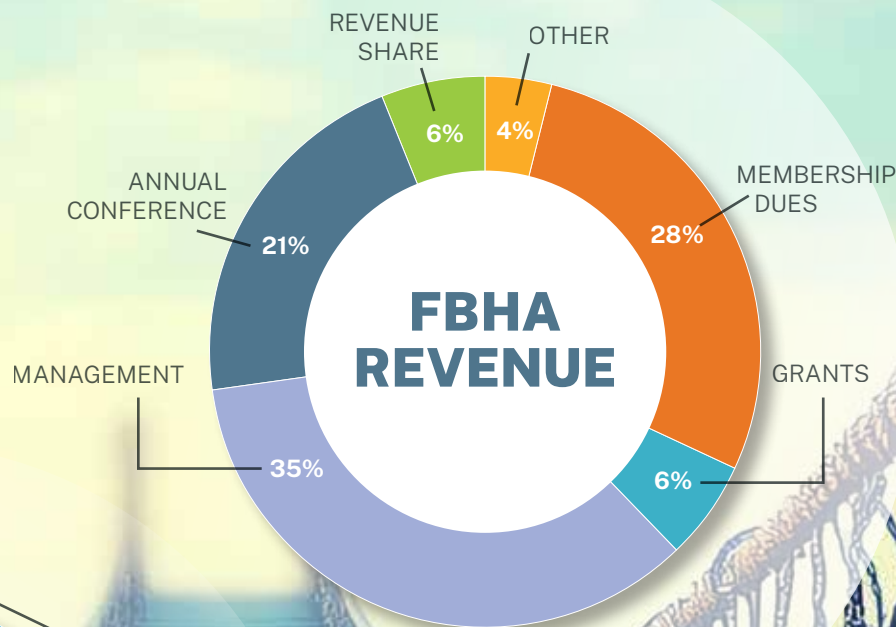
Mike Veeder, with Boley Centers, Inc., won Support Service Staff of the Year.



Aileen Turner-Nestor and Don Savoie were honored as the Distinguished Service winners.



FINANCIAL PERSPECTIVE



PARTNERSHIPS











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