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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a behavioral health teaching
2 clinic designation and enhancement rate in Washington for eligible
3 licensed or certified behavioral health agencies; reenacting and
4 amending RCW 71.24.025; adding new sections to chapter 71.24 RCW; and
5 creating a new section.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that:

8 (a) Licensed or certified behavioral health agencies are the
9 essential safety net providers for adults, children, youth, and
10 families experiencing mental health or substance use disorders in
11 Washington;

12 (b) In addition to providing clinical services and care
13 coordination, licensed or certified behavioral health agencies serve
14 as the training ground for students and new graduates pursuing
15 behavioral health careers across sectors and settings, bearing the
16 cost for the essential training and supervision infrastructure that
17 sustains this crucial workforce development pipeline. Although there
18 are other health care settings that are compensated for their
19 interdisciplinary training and workforce development programs,
20 including teaching hospitals and federally qualified health centers,
21 the training role in community behavioral health is an unofficial and

1 uncompensated one, resulting in significant costs related to
2 supervising interns and new graduates when clinicians would otherwise
3 be providing billable direct services to patients; and

4 (c) Competition among agencies for employing behavioral health
5 care workers is heightened and accelerating, and the compensation gap
6 between community behavioral health care providers and other practice
7 settings continues to grow. Because licensed or certified behavioral
8 health agencies serve primarily medicaid enrollees and are reliant on
9 inadequate medicaid reimbursement rates, they are unable to offer
10 competitive compensation packages to their employees and they
11 experience high turnover and vacancy rates as their workforce often
12 leaves for other settings offering higher compensation, lower
13 caseloads, and a less complex patient population.

14 (2) The legislature intends to establish the behavioral health
15 teaching clinic designation and enhancement rate to recognize and
16 compensate licensed or certified behavioral health agencies,
17 regardless of geographic location or tribal affiliation, for training
18 the broader behavioral health workforce in cutting edge, critical
19 behavioral health treatment modalities.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 71.24
21 RCW to read as follows:

22 (1) The director shall designate licensed or certified behavioral
23 health agencies that meet the state minimum standards described in
24 this section as behavioral health teaching clinics. To be eligible
25 for designation as a behavioral health teaching clinic, a licensed or
26 certified behavioral health agency must:

27 (a) Be a licensed or certified behavioral health agency in good
28 standing with the department;

29 (b) Train interns, trainees, or both;

30 (c) Attest that its organizational admissions policies and
31 procedures make the clinic equitable and inclusive to the populations
32 that it serves;

33 (d) Bill services rendered to clients by an intern or trainee and
34 receive reimbursement only in accordance with payors' and the
35 behavioral health agency's billing structures;

36 (e) Compensate interns with, at a minimum, a stipend or
37 honorarium in accordance with the teaching clinic payment structure
38 as described in subsection (4)(a) of this section and when not
39 prohibited by educational institutions;

1 (f) Provide interns and trainees with physical or virtual space
2 and resources similar to that of nonteaching clinic eligible staff
3 functioning in a similar role;

4 (g) Assign each intern or trainee to an appropriately
5 credentialed supervisor;

6 (h) Provide, at a minimum, the equivalent of one hour per week of
7 clinical supervision using the methods and deliveries determined by
8 the professional licensure standards of the profession that the
9 intern or trainee is pursuing;

10 (i) Require access to and oversight of an intern or trainee
11 during the internship or training to be provided by an assigned
12 supervisor who is employed or contracted by the teaching clinic,
13 either in person or virtually;

14 (j) Attest to having an active contract or agreement with each
15 intern's educational institution or program, which must either be
16 accredited or in the process of becoming accredited;

17 (k) Attest to having formal orientation, training, and
18 observation processes and describe how the program ensures that
19 practice opportunities are provided to interns or trainees; and

20 (1) Use continuous quality improvement strategies in the
21 operational practices, clinical practices, and strategic planning.

22 (2) Behavioral health teaching clinics designated under
23 subsection (1) of this section must be reimbursed at an enhanced rate
24 as described in subsection (4) (a) of this section.

25 (3) Designation as a behavioral health teaching clinic is
26 effective for three years from the date of issuance of the
27 designation.

28 (4) The authority shall collaborate with a statewide organization
29 representing licensed or certified behavioral health agencies to
30 establish a stakeholder group comprised of licensed or certified
31 behavioral health agencies and shall contract with an actuarial firm
32 to:

33 (a) Finalize the rate methodology for an enhanced rate for
34 designated behavioral health teaching clinics that builds upon
35 previous rate estimates, including the behavioral health teaching
36 clinic designation and enhancement rate demonstration project
37 stakeholder report, prepared by the Washington council for behavioral
38 health, December 2024; and

39 (b) Develop a plan for incremental implementation of statewide
40 designation of behavioral health teaching clinics by June 30, 2026.

1 (5) Within its government-to-government relationship, the
2 authority shall consult with tribes and tribal government behavioral
3 health agencies to assure impacts of the teaching clinic designation
4 and enhanced rate methodology on tribal providers are well understood
5 and able to be implemented in a tribal behavioral health agency.

6 (6) By June 30, 2027, the authority shall seek approval from the
7 federal centers for medicare and medicaid services to secure federal
8 financial participation in the costs of the enhancement rate for
9 operating a behavioral health teaching clinic.

10 (7) The authority shall submit a progress report to the governor
11 and the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 31,
12 2025, and a final report by December 31, 2026.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 71.24
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 (1) Upon submission of its training program to the department,
16 the department shall deem a licensed or certified behavioral health
17 agency that is a designated behavioral health teaching clinic under
18 section 2 of this act to have met all statutory and regulatory
19 behavioral health agency training requirements.

20 (2) The department, in consultation with the authority, licensed
21 or certified behavioral health agencies, and statewide organizations
22 representing licensed or certified behavioral health agencies, shall
23 adopt rules to implement this section by June 30, 2026.

24 **Sec. 4.** RCW 71.24.025 and 2024 c 368 s 2, 2024 c 367 s 1, and
25 2024 c 121 s 25 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

26 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
27 this section apply throughout this chapter.

28 (1) "23-hour crisis relief center" means a community-based
29 facility or portion of a facility which is licensed or certified by
30 the department of health and open 24 hours a day, seven days a week,
31 offering access to mental health and substance use care for no more
32 than 23 hours and 59 minutes at a time per patient, and which accepts
33 all behavioral health crisis walk-ins drop-offs from first
34 responders, and individuals referred through the 988 system
35 regardless of behavioral health acuity, and meets the requirements
36 under RCW 71.24.916.

37 (2) "988 crisis hotline" means the universal telephone number
38 within the United States designated for the purpose of the national

1 suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system operating
2 through the national suicide prevention lifeline.

3 (3) "Acutely mentally ill" means a condition which is limited to
4 a short-term severe crisis episode of:

5 (a) A mental disorder as defined in RCW 71.05.020 or, in the case
6 of a child, as defined in RCW 71.34.020;

7 (b) Being gravely disabled as defined in RCW 71.05.020 or, in the
8 case of a child, a gravely disabled minor as defined in RCW
9 71.34.020; or

10 (c) Presenting a likelihood of serious harm as defined in RCW
11 71.05.020 or, in the case of a child, as defined in RCW 71.34.020.

12 (4) "Alcoholism" means a disease, characterized by a dependency
13 on alcoholic beverages, loss of control over the amount and
14 circumstances of use, symptoms of tolerance, physiological or
15 psychological withdrawal, or both, if use is reduced or discontinued,
16 and impairment of health or disruption of social or economic
17 functioning.

18 (5) "Approved substance use disorder treatment program" means a
19 program for persons with a substance use disorder provided by a
20 treatment program licensed or certified by the department as meeting
21 standards adopted under this chapter.

22 (6) "Authority" means the Washington state health care authority.

23 (7) "Available resources" means funds appropriated for the
24 purpose of providing community behavioral health programs, federal
25 funds, except those provided according to Title XIX of the Social
26 Security Act, and state funds appropriated under this chapter or
27 chapter 71.05 RCW by the legislature during any biennium for the
28 purpose of providing residential services, resource management
29 services, community support services, and other behavioral health
30 services. This does not include funds appropriated for the purpose of
31 operating and administering the state psychiatric hospitals.

32 (8) "Behavioral health administrative services organization"
33 means an entity contracted with the authority to administer
34 behavioral health services and programs under RCW 71.24.381,
35 including crisis services and administration of chapter 71.05 RCW,
36 the involuntary treatment act, for all individuals in a defined
37 regional service area.

38 (9) "Behavioral health aide" means a counselor, health educator,
39 and advocate who helps address individual and community-based
40 behavioral health needs, including those related to alcohol, drug,

1 and tobacco abuse as well as mental health problems such as grief,
2 depression, suicide, and related issues and is certified by a
3 community health aide program of the Indian health service or one or
4 more tribes or tribal organizations consistent with the provisions of
5 25 U.S.C. Sec. 16161 and RCW 43.71B.010 (7) and (8).

6 (10) "Behavioral health provider" means a person licensed under
7 chapter 18.57, 18.71, 18.71A, 18.83, 18.205, 18.225, or 18.79 RCW, as
8 it applies to registered nurses and advanced practice registered
9 (~~nurse practitioners~~) nurses.

10 (11) "Behavioral health services" means mental health services,
11 substance use disorder treatment services, and co-occurring disorder
12 treatment services as described in this chapter and chapter 71.36 RCW
13 that, depending on the type of service, are provided by licensed or
14 certified behavioral health agencies, behavioral health providers, or
15 integrated into other health care providers.

16 (12) "Behavioral health teaching clinic" means a licensed or
17 certified behavioral health agency that meets the teaching clinic
18 standards and billing eligibility as described in section 2 of this
19 act to provide high quality, evidence-based training and clinical
20 supervision to behavioral health interns and trainees.

21 (13) "Child" means a person under the age of 18 years.

22 (~~(13)~~) (14) "Chronically mentally ill adult" or "adult who is
23 chronically mentally ill" means an adult who has a mental disorder
24 and meets at least one of the following criteria:

25 (a) Has undergone two or more episodes of hospital care for a
26 mental disorder within the preceding two years; or

27 (b) Has experienced a continuous behavioral health
28 hospitalization or residential treatment exceeding six months'
29 duration within the preceding year; or

30 (c) Has been unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity
31 by reason of any mental disorder which has lasted for a continuous
32 period of not less than 12 months. "Substantial gainful activity"
33 shall be defined by the authority by rule consistent with Public Law
34 92-603, as amended.

35 (~~(14)~~) (15) "Clubhouse" means a community-based program that
36 provides rehabilitation services and is licensed or certified by the
37 department.

38 (~~(15)~~) (16) "Community behavioral health program" means all
39 expenditures, services, activities, or programs, including reasonable
40 administration and overhead, designed and conducted to prevent or

1 treat substance use disorder, mental illness, or both in the
2 community behavioral health system.

3 ~~((16))~~ (17) "Community behavioral health service delivery
4 system" means public, private, or tribal agencies that provide
5 services specifically to persons with mental disorders, substance use
6 disorders, or both, as defined under RCW 71.05.020 and receive
7 funding from public sources.

8 ~~((17))~~ (18) "Community support services" means services
9 authorized, planned, and coordinated through resource management
10 services including, at a minimum, assessment, diagnosis, emergency
11 crisis intervention available 24 hours, seven days a week,
12 prescreening determinations for persons who are mentally ill being
13 considered for placement in nursing homes as required by federal law,
14 screening for patients being considered for admission to residential
15 services, diagnosis and treatment for children who are acutely
16 mentally ill or severely emotionally or behaviorally disturbed
17 discovered under screening through the federal Title XIX early and
18 periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment program, investigation,
19 legal, and other nonresidential services under chapter 71.05 RCW,
20 case management services, psychiatric treatment including medication
21 supervision, counseling, psychotherapy, assuring transfer of relevant
22 patient information between service providers, recovery services, and
23 other services determined by behavioral health administrative
24 services organizations.

25 ~~((18))~~ (19) "Community-based crisis team" means a team that is
26 part of an emergency medical services agency, a fire service agency,
27 a public health agency, a medical facility, a nonprofit crisis
28 response provider, or a city or county government entity, other than
29 a law enforcement agency, that provides the on-site community-based
30 interventions of a mobile rapid response crisis team for individuals
31 who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis.

32 ~~((19))~~ (20) "Consensus-based" means a program or practice that
33 has general support among treatment providers and experts, based on
34 experience or professional literature, and may have anecdotal or case
35 study support, or that is agreed but not possible to perform studies
36 with random assignment and controlled groups.

37 ~~((20))~~ (21) "Coordinated regional behavioral health crisis
38 response system" means the coordinated operation of 988 call centers,
39 regional crisis lines, certified public safety telecommunicators, and

1 other behavioral health crisis system partners within each regional
2 service area.

3 ~~((21))~~ (22) "County authority" means the board of county
4 commissioners, county council, or county executive having authority
5 to establish a behavioral health administrative services
6 organization, or two or more of the county authorities specified in
7 this subsection which have entered into an agreement to establish a
8 behavioral health administrative services organization.

9 ~~((22))~~ (23) "Crisis stabilization services" means services such
10 as 23-hour crisis relief centers, crisis stabilization units, short-
11 term respite facilities, peer-run respite services, and same-day
12 walk-in behavioral health services, including within the overall
13 crisis system components that operate like hospital emergency
14 departments that accept all walk-ins, and ambulance, fire, and police
15 drop-offs, or determine the need for involuntary hospitalization of
16 an individual.

17 ~~((23))~~ (24) "Crisis stabilization unit" has the same meaning as
18 under RCW 71.05.020.

19 ~~((24))~~ (25) "Department" means the department of health.

20 ~~((25))~~ (26) "Designated 988 contact hub" or "988 contact hub"
21 means a state-designated contact center that streamlines clinical
22 interventions and access to resources for people experiencing a
23 behavioral health crisis and participates in the national suicide
24 prevention lifeline network to respond to statewide or regional 988
25 contacts that meets the requirements of RCW 71.24.890.

26 ~~((26))~~ (27) "Designated crisis responder" has the same meaning
27 as in RCW 71.05.020.

28 ~~((27))~~ (28) "Director" means the director of the authority.

29 ~~((28))~~ (29) "Drug addiction" means a disease characterized by a
30 dependency on psychoactive chemicals, loss of control over the amount
31 and circumstances of use, symptoms of tolerance, physiological or
32 psychological withdrawal, or both, if use is reduced or discontinued,
33 and impairment of health or disruption of social or economic
34 functioning.

35 ~~((29))~~ (30) "Early adopter" means a regional service area for
36 which all of the county authorities have requested that the authority
37 purchase medical and behavioral health services through a managed
38 care health system as defined under RCW 71.24.380(7).

39 ~~((30))~~ (31) "Emerging best practice" or "promising practice"
40 means a program or practice that, based on statistical analyses or a

1 well established theory of change, shows potential for meeting the
2 evidence-based or research-based criteria, which may include the use
3 of a program that is evidence-based for outcomes other than those
4 listed in subsection (~~(31)~~) (32) of this section.

5 (~~(31)~~) (32) "Evidence-based" means a program or practice that
6 has been tested in heterogeneous or intended populations with
7 multiple randomized, or statistically controlled evaluations, or
8 both; or one large multiple site randomized, or statistically
9 controlled evaluation, or both, where the weight of the evidence from
10 a systemic review demonstrates sustained improvements in at least one
11 outcome. "Evidence-based" also means a program or practice that can
12 be implemented with a set of procedures to allow successful
13 replication in Washington and, when possible, is determined to be
14 cost-beneficial.

15 (~~(32)~~) (33) "First responders" includes ambulance, fire, mobile
16 rapid response crisis team, coresponder team, designated crisis
17 responder, fire department mobile integrated health team, community
18 assistance referral and education services program under RCW
19 35.21.930, and law enforcement personnel.

20 (~~(33)~~) (34) "Immediate jeopardy" means a situation in which the
21 licensed or certified behavioral health agency's noncompliance with
22 one or more statutory or regulatory requirements has placed the
23 health and safety of patients in its care at risk for serious injury,
24 serious harm, serious impairment, or death.

25 (~~(34)~~) (35) "Indian health care provider" means a health care
26 program operated by the Indian health service or by a tribe, tribal
27 organization, or urban Indian organization as those terms are defined
28 in the Indian health care improvement act (25 U.S.C. Sec. 1603).

29 (~~(35)~~) (36) "Intensive behavioral health treatment facility"
30 means a community-based specialized residential treatment facility
31 for individuals with behavioral health conditions, including
32 individuals discharging from or being diverted from state and local
33 hospitals, whose impairment or behaviors do not meet, or no longer
34 meet, criteria for involuntary inpatient commitment under chapter
35 71.05 RCW, but whose care needs cannot be met in other community-
36 based placement settings.

37 (~~(36)~~) (37) "Intern" means an individual in a bachelor's degree
38 program, master's degree program, or educational institution or
39 program, which must either be accredited or in the process of

1 becoming accredited, who is seeking behavioral health training as
2 part of the degree program.

3 (38) "Licensed or certified behavioral health agency" means:

4 (a) An entity licensed or certified according to this chapter or
5 chapter 71.05 RCW;

6 (b) An entity deemed to meet state minimum standards as a result
7 of accreditation by a recognized behavioral health accrediting body
8 recognized and having a current agreement with the department; or

9 (c) An entity with a tribal attestation that it meets state
10 minimum standards for a licensed or certified behavioral health
11 agency.

12 ~~((37))~~ (39) "Licensed physician" means a person licensed to
13 practice medicine or osteopathic medicine and surgery in the state of
14 Washington.

15 ~~((38))~~ (40) "Long-term inpatient care" means inpatient services
16 for persons committed for, or voluntarily receiving intensive
17 treatment for, periods of 90 days or greater under chapter 71.05 RCW.

18 "Long-term inpatient care" as used in this chapter does not include:

19 (a) Services for individuals committed under chapter 71.05 RCW who
20 are receiving services pursuant to a conditional release or a court-
21 ordered less restrictive alternative to detention; or (b) services
22 for individuals voluntarily receiving less restrictive alternative
23 treatment on the grounds of the state hospital.

24 ~~((39))~~ (41) "Managed care organization" means an organization,
25 having a certificate of authority or certificate of registration from
26 the office of the insurance commissioner, that contracts with the
27 authority under a comprehensive risk contract to provide prepaid
28 health care services to enrollees under the authority's managed care
29 programs under chapter 74.09 RCW.

30 ~~((40))~~ (42) "Mental health peer-run respite center" means a
31 peer-run program to serve individuals in need of voluntary, short-
32 term, noncrisis services that focus on recovery and wellness.

33 ~~((41))~~ (43) Mental health "treatment records" include
34 registration and all other records concerning persons who are
35 receiving or who at any time have received services for mental
36 illness, which are maintained by the department of social and health
37 services or the authority, by behavioral health administrative
38 services organizations and their staffs, by managed care
39 organizations and their staffs, or by treatment facilities.
40 "Treatment records" do not include notes or records maintained for

1 personal use by a person providing treatment services for the
2 entities listed in this subsection, or a treatment facility if the
3 notes or records are not available to others.

4 ~~((42))~~ (44) "Mentally ill persons," "persons who are mentally
5 ill," and "the mentally ill" mean persons and conditions defined in
6 subsections (3), ~~((13), (51), and (52))~~ (14), (53), and (54) of
7 this section.

8 ~~((43))~~ (45) "Mobile rapid response crisis team" means a team
9 that provides professional on-site community-based intervention such
10 as outreach, de-escalation, stabilization, resource connection, and
11 follow-up support for individuals who are experiencing a behavioral
12 health crisis, that shall include certified peer counselors as a best
13 practice to the extent practicable based on workforce availability,
14 and that meets standards for response times established by the
15 authority.

16 ~~((44))~~ (46) "Recovery" means a process of change through which
17 individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed
18 life, and strive to reach their full potential.

19 ~~((45))~~ (47) "Regional crisis line" means the behavioral health
20 crisis hotline in each regional service area which provides crisis
21 response services 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year
22 including but not limited to dispatch of mobile rapid response crisis
23 teams, community-based crisis teams, and designated crisis
24 responders.

25 ~~((46))~~ (48) "Research-based" means a program or practice that
26 has been tested with a single randomized, or statistically controlled
27 evaluation, or both, demonstrating sustained desirable outcomes; or
28 where the weight of the evidence from a systemic review supports
29 sustained outcomes as described in subsection ~~((31))~~ (32) of this
30 section but does not meet the full criteria for evidence-based.

31 ~~((47))~~ (49) "Residential services" means a complete range of
32 residences and supports authorized by resource management services
33 and which may involve a facility, a distinct part thereof, or
34 services which support community living, for persons who are acutely
35 mentally ill, adults who are chronically mentally ill, children who
36 are severely emotionally disturbed, or adults who are seriously
37 disturbed and determined by the behavioral health administrative
38 services organization or managed care organization to be at risk of
39 becoming acutely or chronically mentally ill. The services shall
40 include at least evaluation and treatment services as defined in

1 chapter 71.05 RCW, acute crisis respite care, long-term adaptive and
2 rehabilitative care, and supervised and supported living services,
3 and shall also include any residential services developed to service
4 persons who are mentally ill in nursing homes, residential treatment
5 facilities, assisted living facilities, and adult family homes, and
6 may include outpatient services provided as an element in a package
7 of services in a supported housing model. Residential services for
8 children in out-of-home placements related to their mental disorder
9 shall not include the costs of food and shelter, except for
10 children's long-term residential facilities existing prior to January
11 1, 1991.

12 ~~((48))~~ (50) "Resilience" means the personal and community
13 qualities that enable individuals to rebound from adversity, trauma,
14 tragedy, threats, or other stresses, and to live productive lives.

15 ~~((49))~~ (51) "Resource management services" mean the planning,
16 coordination, and authorization of residential services and community
17 support services administered pursuant to an individual service plan
18 for: (a) Adults and children who are acutely mentally ill; (b) adults
19 who are chronically mentally ill; (c) children who are severely
20 emotionally disturbed; or (d) adults who are seriously disturbed and
21 determined by a behavioral health administrative services
22 organization or managed care organization to be at risk of becoming
23 acutely or chronically mentally ill. Such planning, coordination, and
24 authorization shall include mental health screening for children
25 eligible under the federal Title XIX early and periodic screening,
26 diagnosis, and treatment program. Resource management services
27 include seven day a week, 24 hour a day availability of information
28 regarding enrollment of adults and children who are mentally ill in
29 services and their individual service plan to designated crisis
30 responders, evaluation and treatment facilities, and others as
31 determined by the behavioral health administrative services
32 organization or managed care organization, as applicable.

33 ~~((50))~~ (52) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department
34 of health.

35 ~~((51))~~ (53) "Seriously disturbed person" means a person who:

36 (a) Is gravely disabled or presents a likelihood of serious harm
37 to himself or herself or others, or to the property of others, as a
38 result of a mental disorder as defined in chapter 71.05 RCW;

39 (b) Has been on conditional release status, or under a less
40 restrictive alternative order, at some time during the preceding two

1 years from an evaluation and treatment facility or a state mental
2 health hospital;

3 (c) Has a mental disorder which causes major impairment in
4 several areas of daily living;

5 (d) Exhibits suicidal preoccupation or attempts; or

6 (e) Is a child diagnosed by a mental health professional, as
7 defined in chapter 71.34 RCW, as experiencing a mental disorder which
8 is clearly interfering with the child's functioning in family or
9 school or with peers or is clearly interfering with the child's
10 personality development and learning.

11 (~~(52)~~) (54) "Severely emotionally disturbed child" or "child
12 who is severely emotionally disturbed" means a child who has been
13 determined by the behavioral health administrative services
14 organization or managed care organization, if applicable, to be
15 experiencing a mental disorder as defined in chapter 71.34 RCW,
16 including those mental disorders that result in a behavioral or
17 conduct disorder, that is clearly interfering with the child's
18 functioning in family or school or with peers and who meets at least
19 one of the following criteria:

20 (a) Has undergone inpatient treatment or placement outside of the
21 home related to a mental disorder within the last two years;

22 (b) Has undergone involuntary treatment under chapter 71.34 RCW
23 within the last two years;

24 (c) Is currently served by at least one of the following child-
25 serving systems: Juvenile justice, child-protection/welfare, special
26 education, or developmental disabilities;

27 (d) Is at risk of escalating maladjustment due to:

28 (i) Chronic family dysfunction involving a caretaker who is
29 mentally ill or inadequate;

30 (ii) Changes in custodial adult;

31 (iii) Going to, residing in, or returning from any placement
32 outside of the home, for example, behavioral health hospital, short-
33 term inpatient, residential treatment, group or foster home, or a
34 correctional facility;

35 (iv) Subject to repeated physical abuse or neglect;

36 (v) Drug or alcohol abuse; or

37 (vi) Homelessness.

38 (~~(53)~~) (55) "State minimum standards" means minimum
39 requirements established by rules adopted and necessary to implement
40 this chapter by:

1 (a) The authority for:
2 (i) Delivery of mental health and substance use disorder
3 services; and
4 (ii) Community support services and resource management services;
5 (b) The department of health for:
6 (i) Licensed or certified behavioral health agencies for the
7 purpose of providing mental health or substance use disorder programs
8 and services, or both;
9 (ii) Licensed behavioral health providers for the provision of
10 mental health or substance use disorder services, or both; and
11 (iii) Residential services.
12 (~~(54)~~) (56) "Substance use disorder" means a cluster of
13 cognitive, behavioral, and physiological symptoms indicating that an
14 individual continues using the substance despite significant
15 substance-related problems. The diagnosis of a substance use disorder
16 is based on a pathological pattern of behaviors related to the use of
17 the substances.
18 (~~(55)~~) (57) "Trainee" means an individual behavioral health
19 professional who is a prelicensure candidate gaining the supervision
20 and supervised experience necessary to be a fully licensed behavioral
21 health professional. The term includes licensed advanced social
22 worker associates, licensed independent clinical social worker
23 associates, licensed mental health counselor associates, licensed
24 marriage and family therapist associates, certified substance use
25 disorder professional trainees, and licensed psychological
26 associates.
27 (58) "Tribe," for the purposes of this section, means a federally
28 recognized Indian tribe.

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