



Behavioral Health Integration

Achieving Behavioral Health Integration

Behavioral health and medical health services have emerged in domains apart. The unfortunate split has resulted in fragmentation and inaccessibility of behavioral health care in the United States. However, health reform provides new opportunities for states and health care providers to integrate behavioral health into primary care and other settings.

JSI is a leader in efforts to integrate the two systems more effectively. One solution is developing multi-disciplinary collaborative care teams that work closely and collaboratively to meet both the physical and behavioral health needs of a patient. Collaborative care often implies placing behavioral health specialists into a primary care setting—or the reverse. Merging both in a close working relationship, however, is critical—a result that can also be achieved through enhanced referral or consultative models. JSI promotes behavioral health not only through collaborative care teams but also as an integral part of medical-home development. JSI has the skills and experience needed to assist health care organizations in the following areas:

- Policy and programmatic research and evaluation of integrated delivery system performance and care models
- Strategic planning services for integrated delivery systems
- Technical assistance to states and primary care and behavioral health specialty providers
- Community needs assessment of behavioral health services
- Coordination between primary care and mental health organizations

Selected Behavioral Health Integration Clients

Metro Community Provider Network and Clinica Campesina, CO • Maine Health Access Foundation • Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration • Veteran's Administration • Health Resources and Services Administration • Department of Defense • Rhode Island Council of Community Mental Health Organizations • New Hampshire Endowment For Health • New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services • Behavioral Health Network, MA

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