



## State Mental Health Profile 2019: Wisconsin

### Mental Health Infrastructure

The Division of Care and Treatment Services (DCTS) in the Department of Health Services (DHS) is the designated State Mental Health Authority (SMHA) and Single State Agency (SSA) for substance use disorder. DCTS is responsible for allocating state and federal funding for the provision of MH/SUD services and for implementing various responsibilities under state statutes. While the state has broad responsibility for MH/SUD system planning, management, and oversight, the counties are statutorily responsible for administering MH/SUD services. Counties may meet the MH/SUD service responsibility through single county systems, such as single county boards and departments of community programs or human services, or through multi-county systems.

Wisconsin has 72 counties. As a result of legal arrangements between counties, there are 67 behavioral health agencies.

Counties may choose to provide funding for services and supports that are not covered by Medicaid, Medicare, or private insurance, such as costs for a residential placement.

Under state statutes and regulations, the provision of many behavioral health services must be provided by a county-owned agency or a provider that is under contract with the county because counties must provide the matching funds to the federal portion of Medicaid reimbursement. These services include: 1) Crisis intervention services; 2) Community support programs (i.e., assertive community treatment); 3) Outpatient mental health clinic services provided in-home or in the

community for adults, 4) Targeted case management; and 5) Community Recovery Services.

Mental health and substance use treatment services also are provided by individually licensed mental health professionals and psychiatrists or provided in primary care clinics, community hospital emergency rooms and federally qualified health care centers. These providers are not considered to be part of the public behavioral health system as they are not licensed, certified or operated by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. However, a county agency may contract with such providers for services rendered to persons for whom the county has responsibility. In addition

### Major Conferences

23rd Annual Crisis Intervention Conference: "Intersection or Roundabout: Moving from Crisis to Hope", September 19-20, 2019, Kalahari Resort & Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells, WI

<https://www.uwsp.edu/conted/ConfWrkShp/Pages/Crisis/default.aspx>

15th Annual Mental Health and Substance Use Recovery Training Conference, October 29-30, 2019, Kalahari Resort and Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells, WI

<https://www.uwsp.edu/conted/ConfWrkShp/Pages/MHSA/default.aspx>

Wisconsin Peer Recovery Conference, August 1-2, 2019, Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center, Onalaska, WI

<https://www.uwsp.edu/conted/ConfWrkShp/Pages/WI-Peer-Recovery-Conference.aspx>



### State Councils

#### Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH) -

The Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH) was created to advise the Governor, the Legislature, and the Department of Health Services (DHS) on the allocation of Mental Health Block Grant funds.

<https://mhc.wisconsin.gov/>

#### State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse

(SCAODA) - SCAODA is a statutory council that provides leadership in Wisconsin on substance use disorders. <https://scaoda.wisconsin.gov/>

### Contacts in the Department of Human Services

The Division of Care and Treatment Services manages and supports 7 care and treatment facilities, community mental health and substance use services, community forensic treatment services, and the protection of client rights for individuals receiving services for developmental disability, mental health, and substance use.

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/dcts/index.htm>

The Wisconsin Office of Children's Mental Health was created to support Wisconsin's children in achieving their optimal social and emotional well-being by working to improve children and families' access to services.

<https://children.wi.gov/Pages/Home.aspx>

The Division of Quality Assurance includes the Bureau of Health Services, which is responsible for the licensing, certification and registration activities for Wisconsin's health and behavioral health providers (see

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/regulations/health-residential.htm>). Information on this page includes [Consumer Guide to Health Care for Mental Health](#) information including provider directories and [Consumer Guide to Health Care for AODA](#) information including provider directories.

### Advocacy Organizations:

- Disability Rights Wisconsin – the state's official protection and advocacy organization – <http://www.disabilityrightswi.org/>,
- NAMI Wisconsin – local/county affiliates are listed – <https://www.namiwisconsin.org/>
- Mental Health America of Wisconsin – <http://www.mhawisconsin.org/>
- Grassroots Empowerment Project – a consumer-run, nonprofit organization that provides training to mental health consumers to exercise power in their lives and advocacy – <https://www.facebook.com/GrassrootsEmpowermentProject/>
- Wisconsin Family Ties – a statewide, parent-run organization in Wisconsin working with families that include children with social, emotional or behavioral challenges. They walk beside families to provide emotional support while helping to navigate the complex service and treatment systems with which they are involved – <https://www.wifamilyties.org/>
- Wisconsin Independent Living Network – a statewide network that provides resources to help people with disabilities live independently. We work with people of all ages and all types of disability – <http://www.wis-il.net/>

### Provider Organizations:

- Wisconsin County Human Services Association – <https://wchsa.org/>
- Wisconsin Association of Family and Children's Agencies – <https://www.wafca.org/>
- Wisconsin Hospital Association – <https://www.wafca.org/>