

Mental Health Connection of Tarrant County

is a network of dues-paying members, collaborating to improve the mental health workforce in Tarrant County, with the goal of ensuring equal access to mental health services for all.



**MENTAL HEALTH
CONNECTION**
TARRANT COUNTY

Together,
we're better!

Our Mission

MHC integrates and strengthens the mental health system in Tarrant County.

Our Story **Why We Started**

In 1999, the Wedgwood Baptist Church shooting happened as a result of a man suffering from an untreated mental illness. Former Fort Worth Mayor, Kenneth Barr, turned to local mental health providers, requesting a plan to improve access to quality mental health services for all Tarrant County residents. With this, Mental Health Connection of Tarrant County was established, and this core group has expanded to over 100 members. With our continuous collaboration, we're able to develop long-term changes in the system, while addressing emerging needs.

Our Values



Collaboration: we work together and support each other as we pursue our shared vision and goals.



Responsiveness & Adaptability: we listen to community input, seek to understand changing requirements, and tailor our work to meet community needs



Knowledge: we seek to share and understand the capabilities of each member and best practices for mental health services delivery.



Tenacity: we are committed to the long-term, consistent effort required to improve community services systems.



Equity: we actively seek to end disparities in power, money, access, and resources in all aspects of our organization and our work externally.



Trust: we strive to ensure integrity, reliability, and fairness among all members.

Member Benefits

Who should be involved

- Small and large non-profit service providers
- not-for-profit and private hospitals and treatment centers
- Academic Institutions
- Child welfare and foster/adoption agencies
- County and City Officials
- Individual Practitioners
- Members of the Community Impacted or impassioned by mental health challenges

Benefits

- Monthly meetings with experts
- Discounted or free training opportunities
- CEUs for applicable trainings
- Networking opportunities
- Collaborations and partnerships
- Targeted communications through monthly member newsletter and messageboard emails
- Job Board – Members only posting

Testimonials

"We are very happy to be a part of the Mental Health Connection. As a new agency in Tarrant County, it's important for us to inform our colleagues in the mental health field about the peer services that we provide. The monthly meetings help us do just that and more. In addition to encouraging networking among the allied professionals who attend, the meeting topics are interesting and educational, and we always leave with new connections and new information that help our agency grow."

Susan Bragg, M.A., Executive Director, Mental Health Peer Services of Greater Fort Worth

"Alliance For Children is grateful to be a member agency for the Mental Health Connection. As a smaller agency, MHC has afforded us the opportunity to network with our mental health peers in meaningful ways. We have accessed trainings for our teams that elevate our work for Tarrant County and created a common language across providers. The ability to build relationships across agencies not only benefits each of us individually, but also benefits our mission and families served. It is an honor to play a part in driving our collective response forward for Tarrant County."

Julie Evans, Chief Executive Officer, Alliance For Children

"Fort Worth ISD, in partnership with MHC, has created and maintained a mental health system for over 20 years that ensures that we are able to get all students the help that they need. Additionally, staff have benefitted from many trainings over the years and have worked to make campuses and classrooms supportive to students who have experienced trauma."

Ottis Goodwin, Director of School-Based Health Partnerships, Fort Worth ISD



BECOME A

Member

Annual Membership Dues:

\$300 Operating budgets less than \$100,000

\$600 Operating budgets from \$100,000 to \$500,000

\$1,000 Operating budgets from \$500,000 to \$1 million

\$2,000 Operating budgets from \$1 million to \$3 million

\$3,000 Operating budgets from \$3 million to \$5 million

\$4,000 Operating budgets from \$5 million to \$7 million

\$5,000 Operating budgets from \$7 million to \$10 million

\$10,000 Operating budgets from \$10 million to \$20 million

\$25,000 Operating budgets over 20 million

(Founders/Sponsors)

***Single practitioners, community allies, or departments of larger institutions please contact us at the email below.**



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