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Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee

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Tow Youth Justice Institute

About Us: The Tow Youth Justice Institute (TYJI) is a university, state, and private partnership dedicated to transforming the systems that impact youth, young adults up to age 26, and their families. We additionally embrace cross-system collaborations with policymakers, practitioners, service providers, students, researchers and community members to advance justice that includes public safety, behavioral health, health, housing and education.

Mission Statement: Rooted in equity and respect, our mission is focused on raising the voices of youth up to age 26, families, and those with lived experience, including those who have experienced victimization, and to promote policies, practices, and programs that reduce harm, build power, and create opportunities for all. Through research, coaching, education, and cross-system collaboration, we strengthen communities and support solutions that are community-informed, evidence-driven, and we focus on wellbeing, dignity, and long-term change.

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- **TCB only**
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Agenda

Welcoming, Opening Remarks

TCB Tri Chairs: Senator Ceci Maher, Representative Tammy Exum & Claudio Gualtieri, Senior Policy Advisor to the Secretary, OPM

Review and Acceptance of January Minutes

CVW Summit Recap

Taylor Tucker, Health Equity Solutions

Administrative Updates

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IICAPS Updates

Victoria Stob, Yale Child Study Center

CT Children's Behavioral Health Provider Survey Updates

Jill Farrell, Research Scientist, Innovations Institute, Uconn School of Social work

Overview of 2026 Legislative Recommendations in Brief

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Membership Vote

TCB Members

Closing Remarks

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TCB's Mission Statement

Mission Statement:

The TCB Committee exists to strengthen and align Connecticut's system of care through **legislative recommendations and strategic reforms aimed at improving access to high quality services and promoting children's behavioral health and well-being through a sustainable continuum of care.**

As a bridgebuilder, TCB will engage **system-wide stakeholders, use data to assess gaps and system inefficiencies, identify cross-system alignment, and make recommendations that address and overcome the root obstacles in order to promote the well-being and resilience of all children and families.**

We define success as achieving a behavioral health system that is accessible to all children and provides appropriate, affordable, high-quality behavioral health services at the right time and place to ensure the most positive outcomes so that Connecticut's children can thrive well into the future.

Purpose:

The Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee ("TCB") was established in 2023 by Public Act 23-90 and mandated to evaluate the availability and effectiveness of prevention, early intervention, and treatment services for children's behavioral health, substance use disorders, and general well-being of children aged from birth to eighteen. Through targeted recommendations to the General Assembly and executive agencies, the TCB may propose necessary actions to improve:

- ❖ **(1) developmental and behavioral health outcomes for children, (2) facilitate transparency and accountability across state agencies, community-based organizations, and institutional providers, and (3) promote policies to advance data sharing and reporting between state agencies and state-funded programs.**

The law further directs the committee to assess and identify:

1. Statutory and Budgetary changes to improve the children's behavioral health system.
2. **Service Delivery Gaps and other missed opportunities to advance the State's ability to offer families a set of streamlined, accessible, and responsive solutions.**
3. Strengths and Barriers that either support or hinder children's behavioral health care.
4. School-Based Behavioral Health Efforts that collaboratively support efforts to improve behavioral health outcomes for children.
5. Disproportionate **Behavioral Health Access and Outcomes for children of color and those in underserved communities such as rural parts of the state.**
6. **Disproportionate access and outcomes across the behavioral health care system for children with developmental and intellectual disabilities.**
7. Quality Assurance framework(s) **to maintain timely data analytics to improve both private and publicly operated behavioral health services, facilities, and programs capacity to streamline and centralize processes and operations with accountability and agility.**
8. Governance Structure to align state public policy and healthcare goals to ensure that all children and families, in urban, rural, and all other areas of the state, can access high-quality behavioral health care regardless of their ability to pay.
9. Sustainable Workforce Needs to support the evolving behavioral health needs of children. While the enacting legislation sets out a comprehensive agenda, the TCB builds on the substantial progress made by statewide children's behavioral health initiatives over the years.

CVW Summit – February 11th Morning Recap

February 11th, TCB CVW Summit

TCB Administrative Updates

Draft Annual Agenda

<p>March 4th, 2026</p>	<p>Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level-Set Scope of PRTFS – barriers, gaps, funding • DDS Overview – Barriers to PRTFS for individuals with co-occurring needs • Review of Complex Case Workgroup Recommendations to Human Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 PRTFS in CT • Complex Case Workgroup • DDS
<p>April 1st, 2026</p>	<p>Developmental Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level- set current programs and resources- barriers, gaps, funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DDS • CTFSN • Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council (ASDAC)
<p>May 6th, 2026</p> <p>*Tentative Mental Health Awareness Month Workshop morning of TCB Meeting</p>	<p>Suicide Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Panel • Suicide Prevention Resources Panel <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of 2026 Legislative Session • Rural Health Transformation Grant Update • UCC Marketing Campaign Updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> CT SEOW Prevention Data Portal <input type="checkbox"/> CT Suicide Advisory Council
<p>June 3rd, 2026</p>	<p>Innovations Institute, UConn School of Social Work – Services Array Gaps Analysis Presentation, Recommendations, and Overview</p> <p>Innovative Models</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated health/behavioral health models • CCBHC's • System of Care Discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Innovations Institute, UConn School of Social Work <input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric Health Associates <input type="checkbox"/> DSS
<p>July 1st, 2026</p>	<p>Systems of Care Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Findings from System Infrastructure Workgroup • New Jersey Systems of Care Overview <p>Update to Committee on Current TCB Studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Education Students with Behavioral Health Concerns Subgroup Update/Presentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> System Infrastructure Workgroup Chairs <input type="checkbox"/> New Jersey SOC <input type="checkbox"/> Special Education Subgroup

**An updated Annual Agenda will be provided at the March TCB Meeting. Please email Emily, at ebohmbach@newhaven.edu with any questions.*

Meeting Date: *subject to change – dates are tentative	Focus Area: *Draft- subject to change	Presenters: *Draft - Subject to Change
August *No TCB Meeting		
September 2nd, 2026 *Tentative Workshop on School Billing and SBHC Study morning of TCB Meeting	CT State Department of Education Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts in CT overview of programs Overview and Presentation of Reports tasked to TCB <input type="checkbox"/> School Behavioral Health Billing Framework and Operational Guidelines <input type="checkbox"/> SBHC Study *first round of concept recommendations	<input type="checkbox"/> CSDE <input type="checkbox"/> School Behavioral Health Billing Subgroup <input type="checkbox"/> School Based Health Center Workgroup
October 7th, 2026	Overview and Presentation of Reports tasked to TCB <input type="checkbox"/> Crisis Continuum Report Overview <input type="checkbox"/> UCC Private Insurance Review <input type="checkbox"/> Crisis Continuum Marketing Campaign Updates Review of first round of concept recommendations	<input type="checkbox"/> Crisis Continuum Subgroup <input type="checkbox"/> UCC Private Insurance Review Workgroup <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing/Communications Consultants
November 7th, 2026	Crisis Continuum Data Spotlight <input type="checkbox"/> UCCs <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Crisis <input type="checkbox"/> Subacute Stabilization Centers <input type="checkbox"/> 988/211 <input type="checkbox"/> ED Hospital Data Review of Draft Recommendations Updates	<input type="checkbox"/> CHDI <input type="checkbox"/> DCF <input type="checkbox"/> Community Based UCCs <input type="checkbox"/> United Way <input type="checkbox"/> CHA <input type="checkbox"/> Carelon
December 2nd, 2026	2027 Legislative Recommendations – Committee Vote	

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TCB Workgroup and Studies Subgroup Updates

Workgroup Upcoming Meeting Dates

Workgroup:	Meeting Date:
System Infrastructure	February 17th, 2026 3:00 – 4:30 PM (ZOOM)
Services	February 18th, 2026 2:00 – 3:30 PM (ZOOM)
School Based	March 2nd, 2026 3:00-4:00PM (ZOOM)
Prevention	February 19th, 2025 3:00 – 4:30 PM (ZOOM)

TCB Studies Updates

The TCB is currently tasked with completing the following studies as identified in Legislation passed in 2025. As noted in the 2025 workgroup workplans, subgroups or studies have been allocated to workgroups of the TCB. Within workgroups, updates regarding the studies will be given either monthly or bi-monthly to the larger workgroup. Please note, not all studies came from legislation, as reports produced by the Innovations Institute at the UConn School of Social Work were started prior to 2025.

Reports developed from the Innovations Institute correlate to the TCB's charge noted in PA 23-90, "promote the efficient sharing of information by state and state-funded agencies to ensure the regular collection and reporting of data regarding children and families' access to, utilization of and benefit from services necessary to promote public health and [mental and] behavioral health outcomes for children and youth and their families"

TCB Workgroup	Studies
School Based Workgroup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Based Health Center Study School Billing Behavioral Health Concerns in Special Education
Services Workgroup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crisis Continuum Review/Marketing and Communications UCC Private Insurance Review IICAPS CT Behavioral Health Provider Survey
System Infrastructure Workgroup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CT Data Infrastructure Report

School Based Health Center Study Updates

DRAFT Intent of Subgroup/ Background Information: The TCB School Based Health Center (SBHC) Study subgroup will be formed to lead the efforts of the School Based Health Center study that TCB included in their 2025 recommendations in brief. This subgroup will sunset upon completion of its goals.

Scope of the Report: In collaboration with the state-wide association of school-based health centers, develop a survey for administration at such centers that is designed to obtain information concerning existing data collection practices and the anticipated challenges and opportunities presented by the implementation of more comprehensive data collection systems at such centers. Also, in collaboration with the Commissioner of Public Health, develop appropriate reporting requirements for school-based health centers to determine and respond to the needs of school-based health centers.

Researcher/Agency Involved: In collaboration with the State-wide Association of School Based Health Centers and Department of Public Health (DPH)

Due Date: January 1st, 2027

Updates: Last week, the TYJI, School Based Workgroup Chairs, and DPH met with the National School Based Health Alliance to gain insight on best practices and model examples. TYJI hopes to have a finalized Scope of Work by March of 2026.

School Based Billing Review

DRAFT Intent of Subgroup/ Background Information: The TCB School Based Billing Review Subgroup will lead the efforts of the School Behavioral Health Services Billing Review that was passed in 2025 legislative session. This would require the TCB to collaborate with CSDE and DSS to develop a framework and operational guidelines to streamline municipal Medicaid billing for Medicaid-eligible school-based behavioral health services. The subgroup will work in collaboration with CSDE, DSS, and other identified individuals needed to complete the review. This subgroup will sunset upon completion of its goals.

Scope of the Report: Requires the Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee to develop a framework and operational guidelines to streamline municipal Medicaid billing for Medicaid-eligible school-based behavioral health services. The bill requires the Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee, in collaboration with the education and social services departments and by September 1, 2026, to develop a framework and operational guidelines to streamline municipal Medicaid billing for Medicaid-eligible school-based behavioral health services. The committee must report, by October 1, 2026, on the framework and guidelines it develops to the Appropriations, Education, and Human Services committees.

Researcher/Agency Involved: Department of Social Services (DSS), CT State Department of Education (CSDE)

Due Date: October 1st, 2026

Updates: Last week, the subgroup met to discuss the scope of this effort as well as obtain clarity on what is currently being done in the state regarding Medicaid Billing. For next steps, the group is to review materials shared during the meeting, obtain a list of vendors of Medicaid billing, and identify specific school districts not currently billing for Medicaid. The group will meet again in late February.

Behavioral Health – Special Education

DRAFT Intent of Subgroup/ Background Information: The Behavioral Health Issues in Special Education Subgroup will lead the efforts to complete and submit a report to both the Education and Children’s Committees that examines and provides recommendations about behavioral health issues affecting special education students as identified in legislation passed in 2025. This subgroup will sunset upon completion of its goals.

Scope of the Report: The TCB will submit a report to Education and Children’s Committees that examines and provides recommendations about behavioral health issues affecting special education students.

For full legislation – please refer to page 18, Section 14 of HB 5001: [2025PA-00067-R00HB-05001-PA \(1\) \(3\).pdf](#)

Researcher/Agency Involved: CT Disability Rights Group, CSDE

Due Date: January 1st, 2027

Updates: The Group had met in December for the first official meeting of the subgroup.

Barriers: The group is awaiting information and resources related to the legislation from CSDE. Once received, the group will begin developing the project plan.

UCC Private Insurance Review

DRAFT Intent of Subgroup/ Background Information: The TCB UCC ADHOC Subgroup will lead the efforts of completing the UCC Billing Review recommendation the TCB included in their 2025 recommendations in brief. This subgroup will sunset upon completion of its goals.

Scope of the Project: This legislation requires the Transforming Children’s Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee, in consultation with the behavioral health advocate and DCF and insurance commissioners, to convene a working group to (1) review private health insurance coverage for children’s treatment at urgent crisis centers, (2) identify potential barriers to commercial insurance coverage and reimbursement, and (3) make recommendations to address any barriers. The behavioral health committee must report, by October 1, 2026, on the working group’s findings and recommendations to the Appropriations, Children, and Human Services committees and the Office of Policy and Management secretary. An urgent crisis center is one that DCF certifies to treat children’s urgent mental or behavioral health needs.

Researcher/Agency Involved: DCF, DSS, DOI, led by the Behavioral Health Advocate

Due Date: October 1st, 2026

Updates: The Group had met in December to discuss the intent of the legislation, and current updates and barriers to private insurance billing for UCC's. The group will reconvene once claims data is available for private insurance rates. TYJI additionally will be meeting with the Behavioral Health Advocate to discuss next steps.

Crisis Continuum Review

DRAFT Intent of Subgroup/ Background Information: In 2025, the TCB voted on a recommendation to review the crisis continuum across the State. The TCB Services Workgroup met with the Child Health and Development Institute (CHDI), and the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to discuss collaboration on this recommendation. Based on conversations within the Services Workgroup, the TCB will develop a subgroup with all identified individuals to complete the review and report the findings back to the TCB. The subgroup will regularly provide updates to the Services Workgroup so the workgroup can monitor and track the progress of the recommendation. When starting this work, the TCB has also created an additional subgroup specifically focused on the marketing and utilization of the Crisis Continuum.

Scope of the Project: Such study shall include, but not be limited to, (1) **the rates of utilization** of the United Way of Connecticut 2-1-1 Infoline program, 9-8-8 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, mobile crisis intervention services, urgent crisis centers, as defined in section 19a-179f of the general statutes, subacute crisis stabilization centers and hospital emergency departments for such services, **outreach and marketing strategies** utilized by the service providers, common sources of patient referrals to such service providers, the allocation of state and other financial resources to such service providers, and the anticipated demand for behavioral health services for children into the future.

Researcher/Agency Involved: DCF, Community Based UCCs, UnitedWay, CHDI, led by the Behavioral Health Advocate

Due Date: January 1st, 2027

Updates: The subgroup had met a few times to evaluate data that is currently being collected and assess where gaps/barriers may be. The group will reconvene in the next few months to evaluate fall 2025 data trends. In the meantime, a subgroup of this work has been created to specifically look at Marketing and Communications of the Crisis Continuum, and develop a Marketing and Communications Plan for the Crisis Continuum in CT. This group has been meeting in person monthly. The group met last week, where we reviewed the project plan, and budget. TYJI will be working with UnitedWay and Day Dream Communications as they have been contracted to lead the marketing efforts.

IICAPS Update

CT Children's Behavioral Health Provider Survey Updates

2026 Draft Legislative Recommendations - Discussion and Committee Vote

Voting Protocol

- **“ A quorum of TCB members must be present”**
 - Each TCB members has one vote on each recommendation. The recommendations will be presented to the Committee with the opportunity to offer friendly amendments. After the committee comes to consensus on the recommendation language, the vote will take place.
- **TYJI staff will call role announcing Committee member names and, in their absence, designee names.**
 - For Committee members joining in person, when called you will need to turn your microphone on and vote for, against or abstain (yay, nay, abstain) from the recommendation. For Committee members joining virtually, you will need to turn your camera on, unmute yourself on Zoom and vote for, against or abstain (yay, nay, abstain) from the recommendation.
- **Consensus shall be reached through a majority of members voting “yay”**
- **The tally for each recommendation will be provided at the end of the meeting**

Legislative Recommendation Concepts for 2026

Within the December TCB Meeting, two recommendations were introduced to the committee, the Draft Cross Agency Data Sharing Workgroup Recommendation, as well as the Draft UCC PIC Recommendation. Additionally, the CWSCEO presented recommendations regarding disordered eating to be considered. After meeting with the TCB leadership, and Tri-chairs, the following recommendations have been included in the 2026 Recommendations in Brief:

Draft Recommendations for Vote:

- **Draft TCB Data Sharing Workgroup Recommendation** (policy recommendation)
- **Disordered Eating Behavior Recommendation** (legislative recommendations)
- **Psychiatric Residential Inpatient Treatment Facilities (PRTFS) Infrastructure for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Recommendation** (legislative recommendations).

**Please refer to the Draft 2026 Recommendations in Brief and Justification Reports*

TCB Cross Agency Data Sharing Workgroup

Background:

In 2025, the TCB had contracted with the Innovations Institute at the UConn School of Social Work to develop the [Children's Behavioral Health System Data Infrastructure and Use of Data for System Improvement Report](#). This report, published in Fall 2025, recommends that *“Connecticut should establish a Children's Behavioral Health Data Workgroup (“Data Workgroup”) with the expertise and capacity to plan and support strategies that strengthen the state's behavioral health infrastructure, along with robust reporting mechanisms to ensure accountability.”*¹

- The Cross Agency Data Sharing Workgroup would include membership from Connecticut State Agencies, applicable entities, those with lived experience of the children's behavioral health system, and providers of children's behavioral health services. This workgroup would be chaired by a staff member from the Office of Policy and Management, as well as a representative from the TCB's Community Voices Workgroup, to ensure those with lived experience are at the forefront of this effort. As noted in the Children's Behavioral Health System Data Infrastructure Report, establishing this data workgroup with clear purpose, structure and expertise will be critical to close gaps and promote the effective use of data in the State of Connecticut.¹
- For more information regarding this recommendation, please refer to the [Children's Behavioral Health System Data Infrastructure and Use of Data for System Improvement Report](#) as well as the correlated [Data Report Presentation](#) given by the Innovations Institute, at the UConn School of Social Work this past fall.
- Amendments added since December include a change of co-chairs to be a representative from the Office of Policy and Management, and a Community Voices Workgroup Member.

TCB Cross Agency Data Sharing Workgroup Recommendation Language

<p>TCB Cross Agency Data Sharing Workgroup</p>	<p>Establish a TCB Cross Agency Data Sharing Workgroup.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Transforming Children’s Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee, recommends establishing a data working group to focus on data infrastructure and quality improvement planning and implementation activities that support a whole population focus with an equity lens, with data intentionally collected, analyzed, and used to ensure that all children have access to effective behavioral health services. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Workgroup should include representation from the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At least one representative from the Departments of Children and Families, Correction, Developmental Services, Education, Insurance, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health and Social Services; 2. At least one representative from the Offices of Policy and Management, Early Childhood, and Health Strategy; 3. At least 3 representatives from providers of children’s behavioral health services; 4. And at least 3 youth/young adults/caregivers with lived experience. 2. The workgroup should be chaired by a representative of the Office of Policy and Management, as well as a Transforming Children’s Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee’s Community Voices Workgroup member. 	<p>Policy Recommendation – To be embedded into the TCB Workplan</p>
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Establish an Eating Disorders Working Group and a Holistic Food Education Workgroup administered by the Commission on Women, Seniors, Children, Equity and Opportunity (CWSCEO) Recommendation

Background:

Connecticut currently lacks a formal cross-sector structure to coordinate (1) eating disorder prevention, early identification, referral pathways, and treatment access, and (2) coherent, evidence-informed food education across schools. These issues sit at the intersection of health, education, and family systems; they show up in schools, primary care, community programs, and behavioral health settings, but responsibility is fragmented across agencies and stakeholders. The two workgroups would allow Connecticut to align strategy, define shared goals, and move recommendations into implementable guidance rather than isolated Initiatives.

- Recommendations were derived from the Commission on Women, Seniors, Children, Equity and Opportunity (CWSCEO) 2026 Disordered Eating Policy Recommendations that were presented to the TCB in January of 2026. Please refer to the [January TCB CWSCEO Presentation](#) for additional information.

Establish an Eating Disorders Working Group and a Holistic Food Education Workgroup administered by the Commission on Women, Seniors, Children, Equity and Opportunity (CWSCEO) Recommendation

<p>Disordered Eating Behaviors Recommendations = Recommendation 1</p>	<p>Establish an Eating Disorders Working Group and a Holistic Food Education Workgroup administered by the CWCSEO.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Transforming Children’s Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee recommends that the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity establish an Eating Disorder Workgroup and a Holistic Food Education Workgroup to develop a statewide eating-disorder treatment registry and consider facility standards effective July 1st, 2026. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The workgroups may include representation from the Transforming Children’s Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee’s membership. 2. The Eating Disorder Workgroup and Holistic Food Education Workgroup shall submit an annual report of their findings to the Transforming Children’s Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee by July 1st, 2027. 3. The co-chairs of the Eating Disorder Workgroup and the Holistic Food Education Workgroup shall conduct annual reviews of workgroup progress and deliverables to determine the appropriate timeline to sunset each group. 	<p>Legislative Recommendation</p>
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Incorporate a Question on Disordered Eating Behaviors into The Behavioral Health Section of the Connecticut School Health Survey

Background:

Adding at least one disordered eating behavior question to the Connecticut School Health Survey (CSHS) would establish a consistent, statewide surveillance mechanism to better understand the prevalence and patterns of disordered eating among Connecticut youth. One or two additional questions related to disordered eating and eating disorders on the school-based survey could help provide key information on unhealthy behaviors and improve school health education policies and programs.

- Recommendations were derived from the Commission on Women, Seniors, Children, Equity and Opportunity (CWSCEO) 2026 Disordered Eating Policy Recommendations that were presented to the TCB in January of 2026. Please refer to the [January TCB CWSCEO Presentation](#) for additional information.

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Disordered Eating Behaviors Recommendations - Recommendation 2	Incorporate a Question on Disordered Eating Behaviors into The Behavioral Health Section of the Connecticut School Health Survey.	Legislative Recommendation
	<p>2. The Transforming Children’s Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee recommends, that within available appropriations, a question on disordered eating behaviors should be incorporated into the behavioral health section of the Department of Public Health’s Connecticut School Health Survey.</p>	

Psychiatric Residential Inpatient Treatment Facilities (PRTFS) Infrastructure for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Background:

PRTFs provide inpatient psychiatric care for youth who require intensive treatment outside of a traditional hospital setting. In Connecticut, children with Intellectual and developmental disabilities who have co-occurring behavioral health needs are often denied access due to the current PRTF Model not being able to meet their needs and levels of care. This may result in a child being placed in an inpatient unit while continuing to look for alternative placement, or this child going home while remaining at risk.

- *Recommendations were derived from Final Report from the Complex Case Workgroup Pursuant to Public Act 25-89, Section 5.*

Psychiatric Residential Inpatient Treatment Facilities (PRTFS) Infrastructure for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Psychiatric Residential Inpatient Treatment Facilities (PRTFS) Infrastructure for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

1. The Transforming Children’s Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee recommends that the Department of Social Services (DSS) work in collaboration with the Department of Children and Families (DCF), Department of Developmental Services (DDS), and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) to create a 10-bed Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) aimed to serve children and youth aged 14 to 21 with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities.
2. An assessment will be undertaken to determine whether current agency appropriations can support the RFP, and ongoing treatment services for the PRTF which will be billable under Medicaid.
2. If the assessment determines that an RFP can be developed, it is strongly recommended that agencies assess the following;
 1. If any current state-owned properties could be utilized for the PRTF;
 2. If there is a way to solve for those who turn 22 years old while receiving treatment, and therefore cannot have their services billed to Medicaid children’s services;
 3. The percentage of beds that will be held specifically for those with an ID/D diagnosis, and
 4. If a PRTF is the best treatment option to meet the needs for this population.

Legislative Recommendation

Voting Results



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Next Meeting:

March 4th, 2026

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