

## **Legislative Impact Opportunities**

### **Support and Fund the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic**

CCBHC improves access and expands care based on community needs. It is a more sustainable funding mechanism for robust behavioral health systems. Value Based Incentives would help exceptional providers expand services.

### **Reduce Barriers for provider collecting timely payment from MCOs**

The largest administrative burden for providers is collecting payments from MCOs. MCOs profit from delays in contracting and payments. These delays take energy and resources from providing and expanding services.

### **Expand non-Medicaid behavioral health spending**

Non Medicaid Behavioral Health funding has not been adjusted in over 4 years despite other rate increases. The \$50 room and board rate is inadequate to cover provider costs limiting the feasibility of residential treatment in NM. With pending changes to Medicaid this funding source will be especially important.

### **Expand Peer Support**

Peer support is one of the best returns on investment for behavioral health services. An improved peer support system can mitigate workforce challenges and improve access to care. New Mexico's peer support system has regressed because of unnecessary timeline and reduced access to training.

### **Get some HB2 money out the door**

Between changes in the federal environment and delays in the new stat regional planning process, this fiscal year has become a dead zone for grant support of behavioral health expansion. If we don't expedite some HB2 appropriations, New Mexico will have no behavioral health expansion grants in the same year it approved the largest behavioral health grant infusion.