

**Behavioral Health Integration – Children and Youth Collaborative Learning Exchange
Project Description**

Please complete this Project Description and return it to Anna Baer by 10/31/2024.

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1. As part of CQC’s Behavioral Health Integration – Children and Youth Collaborative Learning Exchange, organizations will identify an improvement project to work on in the course of the collaborative. Can you confirm what project you will be working on?

Sustainable support for pediatric BH clinicians at LifeLong Medical Care

(Our project will be evaluating, planning, and starting to implement supportive practices)

2. How will you measure success of the project?

At end of project, we will:

1. Have an established Pediatric BH Lead clinician.
2. Have completed a needs assessment of pediatric BH therapists at LifeLong.
3. Have developed an initial plan to begin addressing needs.
4. Have implemented one or more new supportive practices benefiting pediatric BH therapists.

3. What are key milestones you can plan for in the course of the project?

- By 11/30/24 - Have secured agency commitment to Pediatric BH Clinician role.
- By 12/31/24 - Have hired Pediatric BH Lead clinician. (If we cannot hire internally for this position, we will push this back to 3/31/25).
- By 2/28/25 - Have completed a needs assessment of pediatric BH therapists at LifeLong.
- By 3/14/25 - Have developed an initial plan to begin addressing needs.
- By 5/31/25 - Have implemented one or more new supportive practices benefiting pediatric BH therapists.

4. What barriers do you anticipate?

- It has been challenging getting agency financial buy-in for Pediatric BH Lead clinician position.
- There is pent-up need for support for pediatric BH therapists, so planning and pacing what is realistic will be a challenge.

5. What support could you use?

- It would be helpful to learn how other agencies address and prioritize these needs.
- It will be helpful to learn about other IBH models of care for pediatric patients.