

Mental Health & Substance Abuse

Legislative Session 2016

Accreditation standards for education services

Legislation passed HB 2969, directing the State Board of Education to adopt standards for accreditation relating to the provision of education services provided in partial hospitalization programs, day treatment programs, day hospital programs, residential treatment programs and emergency shelter programs for persons between the ages of three and twenty-one years of age.

Inpatient Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Treatment of Minors Act: Legislation passed SB 1217, which relates to definitions of "Minor in need of treatment". The mental health substance abuse history of the minor may be used as part of the evidence to determine whether the minor is a minor in need of treatment and the mental health or substance abuse history of the minor shall not be the sole basis for this determination.



The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services received \$324.8 million for the upcoming fiscal year, 2.57 percent increase from its revised FY2016 appropriations.

The Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment of Minors Act added physician assistant.



Recommendations

- Require evidence-based/evidence-informed behavioral health interventions for children receiving highest levels of care
- Require Oklahoma college/university social science programs (i.e., psychology, counseling, social work) require at least 3 credit hours on the impact of trauma and what qualifies as evidence-based/evidence-informed treatment
- Require standard transition plans for children/adolescents discharging from acute levels and residential treatment that require 6 contacts with family
- Oklahoma tax commission will rescind the license of any vendor selling beer 3 times to minors for at least 6 months