



# Peninsula Behavioral Health Press Release



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## ***Peninsula Behavioral Health Selected as One of Only Two Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics in Washington State***

**Port Angeles, WA – May 28, 2026** – Peninsula Behavioral Health (PBH) is proud to announce that it has been selected by the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) as one of only two behavioral health organizations in Washington State to continue as a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) beginning January 1, 2027.

Earlier this year, HCA selected ten behavioral health agencies statewide to participate in a CCBHC pre-certification process. Following technical assistance and readiness activities, HCA chose just two organizations to receive state funding and continue CCBHC operations: Peninsula Behavioral Health in Clallam County and Valley Cities Behavioral Health Care in King County. Adding to this milestone, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), announced today that Washington State has been selected to participate in the federal CCBHC Medicaid Demonstration Program. The four-year demonstration provides sustainable funding to support comprehensive mental health and substance use disorder treatment services.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for Peninsula Behavioral Health, our community, and the future of behavioral health care in rural Washington," said Wendy Sisk, CEO of Peninsula Behavioral Health. "Being selected as one of only two CCBHCs in the state reflects the incredible work of our staff and our commitment to ensuring individuals and families have access to high-quality, comprehensive behavioral health services close to home."

CCBHCs are required to provide or coordinate a comprehensive range of mental health, substance use disorder, crisis, and recovery services while ensuring timely access to care regardless of a person's ability to pay.

"The CCBHC model strengthens our ability to serve our community by supporting integrated, person-centered care and creating a more sustainable funding structure for behavioral health services," Sisk added. "This investment will help us continue expanding access to care and improving outcomes for the people we serve."

Peninsula Behavioral Health serves more than 3,200 individuals annually throughout Clallam County and is the region's largest provider of community behavioral health services.

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## **About Peninsula Behavioral Health**

Peninsula Behavioral Health is a nonprofit community behavioral health organization serving Clallam County since 1971. Its mission is to provide quality comprehensive behavioral health services to the residents of our community. PBH serves children, youth, adults, and families through a continuum of mental health, substance use disorder, crisis, housing, and recovery support services.

As the largest behavioral health provider in Clallam County, PBH serves more than 3,200 individuals annually through outpatient treatment, crisis intervention, supportive housing, peer support, and community-based programs. In July 2026, PBH will open North View, a new 36-unit Permanent Supportive Housing community designed to help individuals experiencing homelessness achieve long-term housing stability. Looking ahead, PBH is leading the development of a new three-story, 15,000-square-foot Youth & Family Services Center that will expand access to trauma-informed, evidence-based care for children, adolescents, and families throughout the North Olympic Peninsula. Learn more at [www.PeninsulaBehavioral.org](http://www.PeninsulaBehavioral.org)