

## June 2026 Newsletter

*Peninsula Behavioral Health's (PBH) mission is to provide quality comprehensive behavioral health services to the residents of our community.*



### BIG NEWS FOR WASHINGTON!

PENINSULA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

**SELECTED**  
AS ONE OF ONLY  
**TWO**

CCBHC PROVIDERS IN  
WASHINGTON STATE

Washington is one of 10 states chosen by the **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services** to participate in the federal CCBHC Medicaid Demonstration Program—a four-year initiative to expand access to comprehensive behavioral health care.



COMPREHENSIVE  
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INTEGRATED  
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SUPPORT



BUILDING A  
STRONGER, HEALTHIER  
COMMUNITY



CCBHC operations begin **JANUARY 1, 2027.**

*Hope starts here. And it's growing.*



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

## State

PBH is proud to announce that we have been selected by the Washington State Health Care Authority as one of only two organizations in Washington State to become a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC).

This designation is part of a federal initiative that recently selected 10 states to participate in the national CCBHC Medicaid Demonstration Program. Washington State was chosen as one of those 10 states, making this a significant opportunity to strengthen and expand behavioral health services across the state. As one of only two designated CCBHCs in Washington, PBH is honored to help lead this transformational effort.

The CCBHC model is designed to improve access to comprehensive mental health and substance use disorder services, regardless of a person's ability to pay. It emphasizes integrated, person-centered care, timely access to services, care coordination, crisis response, and strong community partnerships.

For Clallam County, this designation represents a major investment in the future of behavioral health care. It will allow PBH to expand access to care, enhance service delivery, and improve outcomes for individuals and families throughout our community.

This achievement reflects the dedication of our staff, leadership team, community partners, and supporters who work every day to ensure that hope, healing, and recovery are available to those who need it most. We are honored to be recognized as a leader in behavioral health care and look forward to the opportunities this designation will bring to the people we serve.

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*Hope starts here*

**2ND ANNUAL  
GOLF  
TOURNAMENT**

**— TEE UP FOR A CAUSE! —**

 **AUGUST 14, 2026** |  **10:30AM - 4:30PM**

**Tee Up for a Cause:**

## Join Us for the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament

Mark your calendars! PBH's 2nd Annual Golf Tournament, Tee Up for a Cause, will take place on Friday, October 3, 2026, at the beautiful Peninsula Golf Club in Port Angeles.

This fun-filled day on the course will bring together community members, businesses, and supporters for a great cause. Golfers will enjoy 18 holes of golf, contests, prizes, lunch, and opportunities to connect with others who are passionate about improving behavioral health services in our community.

Most importantly, all proceeds from the tournament will support the construction of PBH's new Youth & Family Services Center—a 15,000-square-foot facility designed to expand access to mental health and substance use disorder services for children, youth, and families throughout Clallam County.

Sponsorship opportunities and team registrations are now available. Whether you're an experienced golfer or simply want to support a worthy cause, we invite you to join us as we tee up for hope, healing, and brighter futures for local youth and families.

[Register to Play or Sponsor](#)



### Community Comes Together for Gala

Thank you to everyone who supported PBH's 2026 Gala, Strength in Every Story. Held at Field Arts & Events Hall, the evening featured an inspiring keynote presentation from ESPN broadcaster and author Lauren Sisler, whose message of resilience and hope resonated deeply with attendees. Guests also enjoyed a silent auction, dinner, and an opportunity to learn more about PBH's vision for expanding youth and family behavioral health services.

The new Youth & Family Services Center will provide dedicated, trauma-informed spaces for children, youth, and families, helping PBH meet the growing demand for behavioral health services in our community.

We are grateful to every individual, business, foundation, and volunteer who helped make the evening such a success. Your support is helping ensure that future generations have access to the care, resources, and support they need to thrive.

Thank you for helping us turn hope into action.



## Summer Youth Groups 2026

Summer is almost here, and PBH is excited to offer a variety of FREE Summer Youth Groups designed to help youth and teens build confidence, friendships, creativity, and life skills in a fun and supportive environment!

This year's summer offerings include:

- **Explore Our Community** – Walking outings, community exploration, and confidence-building adventures
- **Teen Art Explorer Group** – Drawing, sketching, and creative expression with included art supplies
- **Sensory Make & Take** – Hands-on sensory activities and take-home projects for younger participants
- **Social Skills Group** – Building communication, friendship, emotional regulation, and social interaction skills

These groups provide opportunities for connection, creativity, skill-building, and community engagement throughout the summer.

To register, contact Mona Valadez at (360) 477-5342 (call or text).

[Summer Youth Group 2026 Flyer](#)

# Pride Month

**Everyone** deserves to  
feel seen, valued, and  
supported.



## **Pride Month: Everyone Deserves to Feel Seen, Valued, and Supported**

June is Pride Month, a time to celebrate the diversity, strength, and resilience of LGBTQ+ individuals and communities. It is also an opportunity to recognize the importance of creating environments where everyone feels safe, respected, and supported.

A sense of belonging plays a critical role in mental health and well-being. When individuals feel accepted for who they are, they are more likely to build meaningful connections, seek support when needed, and experience positive mental health outcomes. Conversely, stigma, discrimination, and social isolation can have significant impacts on emotional and behavioral health.

At PBH, we believe that every person deserves access to compassionate, high-quality care in an environment that promotes dignity, respect, and inclusion. We are committed to serving all members of our community and fostering spaces where individuals feel heard, valued, and empowered on their journey toward wellness and recovery.

This Pride Month, we encourage everyone to take time to listen, learn, support one another, and celebrate the unique experiences and contributions that strengthen our community.

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## Celebrating One Year of the PBH Reentry Program

Over the past year, PBH's Reentry Program has helped individuals transition back into our community with hope, stability, support, and connection.

We invite our community partners, supporters, and friends to join us as we celebrate this important milestone and recognize the accomplishments made possible through collaboration and dedication.

**Wednesday, July 1, 2026  
12:30 PM – 1:00 PM  
PBH Multipurpose Room**

Enjoy a brief program highlighting the Reentry Program's first year, recognition of our valued community partnerships, and cake and refreshments.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of this program and helped create opportunities for recovery, growth, and second chances.

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## Build a Safer, Stronger Workforce with Mental Health First Aid & De-escalation Training



### FREE Trainings

#### Boost Workplace Well-Being

- Spot mental health challenges
- De-escalate safely
- Support coworkers & clients

#### Eligibility:

- Clallam County business
- Employees aged 25–54
- Hiring \$26+/hr



### Build a Stronger, Safer Workplace—at No Cost

PBH is offering free Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) and De-escalation Trainings for Clallam County businesses this spring. These interactive, hands-on sessions equip your team with the skills to recognize signs of mental health challenges, respond with confidence, and safely de-escalate difficult situations with coworkers or the public.

#### Why It Matters

Mental health affects every workplace. Investing in your team's well-being helps create a safer environment, improves workplace culture, and strengthens our community as a whole.

#### Your Team Will Gain

- How to recognize and respond to mental health challenges
- Practical de-escalation techniques for real-world situations
- Tools to support a healthier, more compassionate workplace

Ready to Schedule a Training?

Call us at  [\(360\) 457-0431 ext. 531209](tel:(360)457-0431)

Email: [kellyg@peninsulabehavioral.org](mailto:kellyg@peninsulabehavioral.org)



  
Peninsula Behavioral HEALTH  
*Hope starts here*

*Hope* starts with *you.* 

Your donation helps us provide **hope, support, and resources** to individuals and families in our community.

 **Every gift makes a difference.**  
Together, we can build a stronger, healthier community—one **heart** at a time.

 **DONATE TODAY**  
Help us make hope possible.

## Hope Starts With You

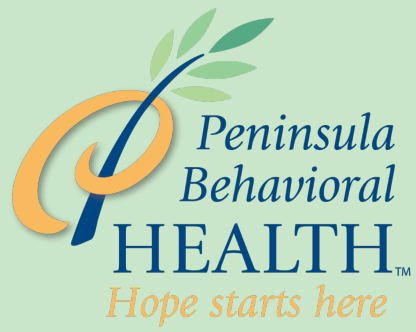
Every day, PBH provides hope, healing, and support to individuals and families throughout our community. From crisis services and counseling to recovery programs and housing support, your generosity helps ensure care is available when it's needed most.

By becoming a monthly donor or making a one-time gift, you help expand access to critical behavioral health services and create lasting change in the lives of those we serve.

Together, we are building a stronger, healthier community—one act of kindness, one life, and one gift at a time.

Every gift makes a difference. Every donor makes hope possible.

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