



Peninsula Behavioral Health Press Release



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Peninsula Behavioral Health Capital Campaign Gains Momentum for New Youth and Family Services Center

Port Angeles, WA – August 3, 2026 – Peninsula Behavioral Health's (PBH) capital campaign for the new Youth and Family Services Center continues to gain momentum as the organization works to meet the growing behavioral health needs of children, adolescents, and families throughout Clallam County.

The approximately 15,000-square-foot facility will provide a dedicated, trauma-informed environment designed specifically for children, youth, and families. The center will significantly expand PBH's capacity for early intervention, family-centered behavioral health services, autism evaluation and support services, and specialized treatment for children and adolescents.

The need for expanded youth services is clear. PBH has outgrown its current youth facility, which includes just 10 clinical offices, limiting the organization's ability to meet increasing demand. Community members also identified expanded youth behavioral health services as a priority in PBH's 2025 Community Needs Assessment Survey, reinforcing the need for additional space and resources. At the same time, the number of youth served by PBH increased by more than 21%, from 735 children and adolescents in Fiscal Year 2024/2025 to 893 in Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

"Our children and families deserve access to behavioral health services when they need them, not months later because we've run out of space," said Wendy Sisk, Chief Executive Officer of Peninsula Behavioral Health. "The Youth and Family Services Center is an investment in prevention, early intervention, and family support. It will allow us to expand autism services, increase access to care, and create a welcoming environment where children and families can receive the support they need to thrive."

The new center will include:

- 22 private therapy offices
- Four group therapy rooms
- Family therapy room
- Play therapy room
- Sensory therapy room
- Art therapy room
- Community gathering space with a warming kitchen
- Outdoor therapeutic play area and half-court basketball court
- Conference and collaboration space for staff and community partners

The Youth & Family Services Center will expand access to:

- Early intervention services for children and adolescents
- Family-centered behavioral health care
- Autism evaluations and support services
- Individual, family, and group counseling

- School and community partnerships
- Evening and expanded-hour appointments

The \$11.7 million capital campaign launched earlier this year and has already secured significant early investments from community partners. To date, the campaign has received a \$200,000 grant from the Americas Foundation and has raised an additional \$77,856 through generous contributions from businesses, individuals, and community fundraising efforts.

"We are incredibly grateful to the Americas Foundation and to every individual, business, and community partner who has invested in this vision," Sisk said. "Their generosity is helping create a lasting resource that will benefit children, families, and future generations throughout Clallam County."

The Youth and Family Services Center builds on a period of significant growth for Peninsula Behavioral Health. PBH also celebrated the opening of North View, a 36-unit Permanent Supportive Housing community, and was selected as one of only two organizations in Washington State to participate in the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Learning Collaboration, positioning the organization to transform access to integrated behavioral health care beginning in 2027.

Construction is anticipated to begin in 2027, with the Youth and Family Services Center expected to open in late 2028.

Community members, businesses, foundations, and organizations interested in supporting the capital campaign are encouraged to contact Peninsula Behavioral Health's Development Department to learn how they can help bring this transformational project to life.



Peninsula Behavioral Health's future Youth and Family Services Center.

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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 4,000 individuals annually through outpatient treatment, crisis intervention, supportive housing, peer support, and community-based programs. Learn more at www.PeninsulaBehavioral.org