



### **CONNECTION COALITION'S MISSION**

The mission of the Connection Coalition is to reach and engage behavioral health community stakeholders in issues related to access to behavioral health services and supports.

### **CONNECTION COALITION'S 18/19 GOALS AND PRIORITIES**

1. Work with stakeholders to advocate for policies and legislation that is supportive of the Connection Coalition's mission.
2. Advocate for timely access to, and safe use of, medication; and parity in the delivery of behavioral health care services.
3. Create opportunities and provide technical assistance for Connection Coalition members and community stakeholders to engage with state and local behavioral health care agencies.
4. Stay informed of federal activities.
5. Support AB 315 - Price transparency and oversight of Pharmacy Benefit Managers.
6. Support measures that address workforce issues.
7. Mental Health First Aid – Outreach to sororities, fraternities, and community colleges.
8. Take action to protect Medical Part D if it should be threatened.
9. Support whole person care/health home initiatives and activities.
10. Support expansion of county prevention and early intervention/innovations programs.

### **COALITION 17/18 SUCCESSES**

1. Hold a "Day at the Capitol" event with awareness activities and leg briefings.
2. Connect with national organizations such as the Kennedy Forum and the Coalition for Whole Health to share resources and collaborate.
3. The Connection Coalition will examine the structure and operating style of the National Coalition for Whole Health for adapting to its advocacy.
4. Create opportunities for members to learn more about cutting edge research.
5. Create and maintain welcoming environment with high levels of participation that is inclusive of manufactures, medical, and advocacy stakeholders to work together on shared goals.

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