



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 PRIORITIES 2020 AND BEYOND

1. Work with stakeholders to advocate for policies and legislation that is supportive of the Connection Coalition's mission.
2. Eliminate barriers to care by advocating for timely access to, safe use of, and affordability 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. Build a relationship with Governor Gavin Newsom's Administration.
5. Develop a plan to better support youth traumatized by shootings.
6. Awareness and education campaign presenting the science behind family separation.
7. Increase outreach and education to those impacted by natural and human made disasters.
8. Increase outreach and education to lawyers, public defenders, public guardians/conservators, etc. so that they can better support clients struggling with behavioral health challenges.
9. Stay informed of federal activities including, but not limited to, Medicaid waivers / CalAIM; Parity; Medicare Part D; Medicaid benefits for pre-adjudicated persons.
10. Participate in the implementation of new legislation focused on medication price transparency and oversight of Pharmacy Benefit Managers
11. Advocate for workforce issues including policies that positively impact diversity in the workforce; Behavioral Health career pathways and promotion beginning in K-12
12. Support expansion of county prevention and early intervention/innovations programs.
13. Watch and learn more about pharma purchasing changes including, but not limited to, the recent Executive Order.