

2024 Texas Council Conference: Topic Suggestions

Please note: This is a non-comprehensive list of ideas and suggestions based on feedback from conference participants and content reviewers. Topics not on this list are welcome for submission.

- **IDD**
 - Life skills and sex education for individuals with IDD
 - ISS – employment limitations, implementation, creating local resources for ISS
 - IDD-MH dual diagnosis treatment
 - SUDs in IDD population
 - National Council for Quality Assurance: LTSS Case Management Accreditation
 - State Supported Living Center Admissions (SB 944) Implementation
 - Building and strengthening relationships, communication with local private providers, stakeholders
 - Guardianship
- **Children’s Mental Health and Substance Use Services**
 - Multisystemic therapy
 - Coordinated specialty care
 - Youth with co-occurring MH and IDD
 - Youth SUD treatment
 - Working with schools
- **Substance Use Services**
 - Complications/risks with detox, and how to address
 - Street medicine
 - COPSD services
 - Use of certified recovery peers
 - SUDs in IDD population
 - Youth SUD treatment
- **Funding Topics**
 - Fundraising
 - Diversification of funding
 - Obtaining grants (finding, applying, implementing)
 - Community investment
- **Services for Justice-Involved Individuals**
 - Jail-based services
 - Jail diversion
 - Probation/parole TCOOMMI
- **Crisis Services**
 - Crisis residential services
 - Partial hospitalization
 - Extended Observation Units (EOUs)
 - Crisis respite
- **Peer Services**
 - Utilizing Peer strengths at Community Centers

- Retaining Peers within Center employment vs. contracting with a Peer organization
- Building a stronger Peer force: MH, SUD, Family Partners and Veterans
- Using Peer stories to improve outcomes
- **MHFA**
 - Impact of HB 2059, relating to MHFA training provided by LMHAs/LBHAs
 - MHFA as an introduction into schools and other community settings
- **Managed Care**
 - Credentialing
 - Revenue Cycle Management
 - Value-based Payments and other Alternative Payment Methodologies
- **Integration with primary care/physical health**
 - Use of community health workers (CHWs)
 - Sustainable models
 - Social determinants/drivers of health
- **Center Operations**
 - Artificial intelligence utilization
 - Best practices for benefits specialists
 - Data-driven care
 - Best practices for measuring outcomes
- **CCBHC**
 - Best practices for managing a CCBHC, including by role (e.g. Medical Director) and by task (e.g. program/project management)
- **Legislative Topics**
 - Strategy
 - Building partnerships with legislative delegation