

The Power of our Youth: Prioritizing Black Youth Mental Health in Nevada



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Black Youth Mental Health

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- This project will work with a youth and professional advisory council to assess existing policies
 - Learning Leadership
 - Advocacy Skills

Project Goals

- Enhance the capacity of local and state youth-serving organizations
- Advance equity in mental health policies
- Enhance cultural competency in youth
- Increase access to mental health services
- Reduce disparities in mental health outcomes among Black youth and Black SGM youth

Project Activities

- Establish the Black Youth Leadership Advisory Council
- Training initiative for at least 25 staff of statewide youthserving institutions
- Develop Mental Health & Policy Trainings
- Use the OMH-developed policy assessment framework to review, identify, and analyze existing policies
- Implement the policy assessment protocol framework

Project Activities

- Develop a strategic action plan based on the information collected in the policy assessment
- Develop a policy advocacy plan in collaboration with the Black Youth Leadership Advisory Council
- Hire and train youth advocacy leaders
- Hold meetings and trainings with Leadership Advisory Council
- Evaluate and report program activities

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