

Innovative Tribal Response to the Opioid Crisis and Behavioral Health Priorities



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AIDES AS PART OF A MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM

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BHA/Ps are...

- **A workforce**
 - Specific scope of practice
 - Community-based
 - Culturally-informed
- **Certified**
 - Trained
 - Competency-based
- **Supervised**
- **Billable/Sustainable**



Who do BHAs provide services to?



Elders

Youth



Families

**Individual
S**



BHAs also serve their communities



BHA Scope of Practice



BHA-I

- Screening
- Initial intake process
- Case management
- Community education, prevention, early intervention

BHA-II

- Substance abuse assessment & treatment

BHA-III

- Rehabilitative services for clients with co-occurring disorders
- Quality assurance case reviews

BHP

- Team leadership
- Mentor/support BHA-I, II, and III



BHAs in multidisciplinary teams

- Drug and Alcohol Assessment
- Case Management
- Aftercare – group and individual counselling
- Support groups
- Culturally relevant services
 - Trauma and intergenerational trauma informed care
- Connecting people to their cultures and protective factors



BHAs in Multidisciplinary Teams

- Reviving traditional knowledge and practices to address modern-day issues
 - Talking Circles
 - Engaging in traditional arts and crafts
 - Nature Walks
 - Gathering, Berry picking, traditional foods for elders
 - Drum making
 - Dancing
 - Kayak building
 - Mask and regalia making
 - Hunting
 - And more



More information

ANTHC: www.anthc.org

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BHA program

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