

The Workforce Readiness Gap

Are Early-Career Master's Level Behavioral Health Providers Prepared to Enter the Workforce?



Findings from a Statewide Survey Point to Gaps in Preparation

The Preparation of Early-Career Behavioral Health Providers Survey collected data from over 300 supervisors from 129 community mental health agencies, certified community behavioral health centers, and other publicly funded outpatient mental health programs across Illinois. Supervisors reported on their perceptions of the preparation of their early-career staff. Findings indicate that direct practice skills vary, with significant gaps in some core skills. Join us to hear specific findings and discuss next steps to collaborate on solutions!

The event aims to share results from the statewide survey with a specific focus on the MA level responses, familiarize participants with the Behavioral Health Workforce Center, and discuss early-career training needs across the behavioral health workforce.

When:

May 13, 2025
11am - 12pm

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May 21, 2025
12pm - 1pm

Where:

Virtual (Zoom)



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