

Juvenile Justice & Youth Services

Office of Behavioral Health Services



Utah Department of
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Office of Behavioral Health Services Overview

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The JJYS OBHS team provides mental health services and support for our secure care, community program, and youth services teams using a Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) framework.

Programs



Office of Community Programs OBHS Team

We provide clinical support for our case management team in identifying our youths' evaluation, treatment, and placement needs. This team also provides supervisory support for the Clinical Support Team.

Therapist Supervisor - Tami Fullerton, LCSW, tfullerton@utah.gov



Office of Secure Care OBHS Team

We provide direct mental health treatment for youth ordered to secure care. We provide individual, family, and group therapy while in secure care. Each youth receives regular mental health assessments that inform treatment of criminogenic risk and transition decisions. We also consult and train facility staff.

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Northern Clinical Consultant - Heidi Orosco, LCMHC, horosco@utah.gov

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Office of Youth Services OBHS Team

For youth in our detention and youth services residential settings, we provide consultation and evaluation services. For ongoing mental health treatment services, we collaborate and contract with private providers. For youth with complex needs, we have a team of highly-trained non-clinician lead staff in our larger settings called the Clinical Support Team (CST). We also provide training for our line staff.

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