
Child and Family Behavioral Health

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Investing in Children’s Behavioral Health catalyzes positive impact across child serving systems. The collective impact of behavioral health on other child serving systems makes responsiveness critical. Many youth who receive behavioral health services also receive services and participate in the child welfare, juvenile justice, education and I/DD systems.

Children's Behavioral Health System

- **Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA)**

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is a type of therapy that focuses on improving specific behaviors, such as social skills, communication, reading, and academics as well as adaptive learning skills, such as fine motor dexterity, hygiene, grooming, domestic capabilities, punctuality, and job competence. ABA is primarily used to treat those with autism.

Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA)

OAR 410-172-0760

- Prior to receiving services, individuals receiving ABA services for the treatment of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) shall have an evaluation by a licensed practitioner, described in OAR 410-172-0760(1)(a–d), experienced in the diagnosis and treatment of autism using the current DSM criteria
- Also includes substantial testing and documentation for a prior authorization

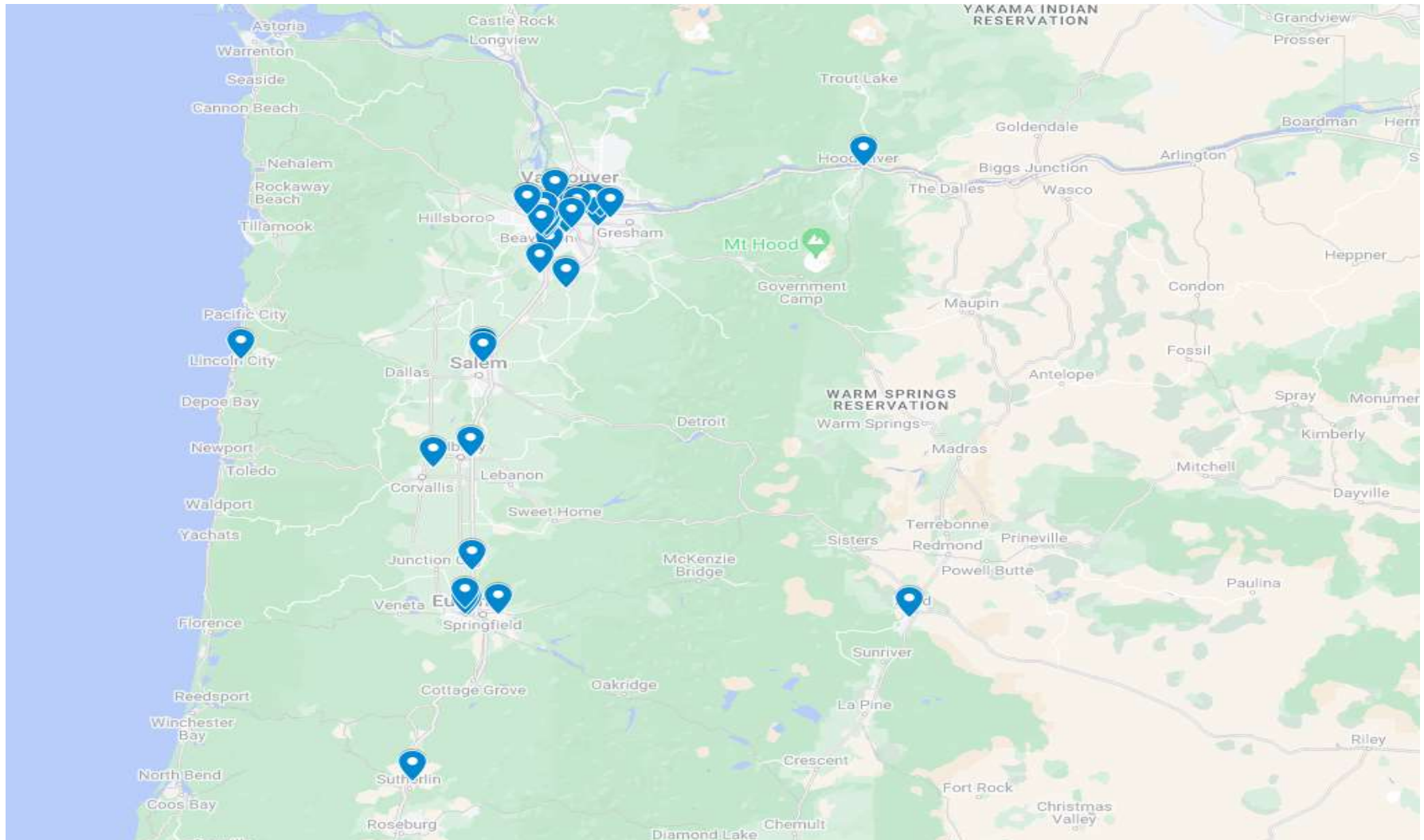


SB 365 (2013)

CCO Contract (2017)

SB 358 (2021)

ABA Providers in Oregon



Current Oversight for ABA

- OHA current oversight of ABA programs include:
 - Medicaid payment OARs including pre-authorization for services
 - CCO and KEPRO Utilization Review
 - OHA Medicaid Complaint Response System
- Behavioral Analysis Regulatory Board
<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HLO/Pages/Board-Behavior-Analysis-Regulatory.aspx>
- Oregon Association for Behavior Analysis <https://www.oraba.org/>
- OHA does not have current licensing or administrative rules directed at ABA facilities
- OHA does not currently have program level OARs for ABA

Next steps

- Increase Youth, Young Adult and Family Community Engagement
- Fee For Service rate alignment with mental health and substance use outpatient codes prioritizing family engagement
- ABA community meetings in development to explore oversight and continuous quality improvement

- OHA 2023 Children's Continuum of Care POP
 - Increase access to Developmental Pediatricians and Child Psychiatry fellows and training in Oregon to reduce time to access, diagnosis and treatment

Thank you!



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