

## Behavioral Health

The role of our Behavioral Health team is to enhance and expand mental health and treatment services to youth and young adults experiencing chronic homelessness, tackling substance use disorders, suffering from serious mental illness or serious emotional disturbance, or those facing a combination of these serious conditions.

**70% of youth in the juvenile justice system have a diagnosable mental health disorder.**



The Behavioral Health team works across all of our program areas to ensure that the youth we serve have their needs met from a Whole Person Care Approach.

The Whole Person Approach is based on a set of core values which focuses on developing a fruitful quality of life for the young person.

The goal of Northwest Youth Services' Behavioral Health team is to cultivate and create conditions where youth have the necessary systems to grow and flourish. We do this through a collaborative model that includes youth, staff, and community partnerships that foster educational, physical, emotional and psycho-social development, and that promote resiliency.