

## Updates and General Information for CCBHC Applicants

### Certification Standards:

In response to the questions and comments on the initial draft of the RI CCBHC Certification Standards, we have made changes and clarifications that are summarized below:

1. Changes to time frame and staff targeted for the EBPs
2. Removed Teen ACT as a required EBP
3. Requirement of a BHO license to provide clinical services for adult AND children services
4. Requiring QMHP presence on crisis services
5. Added clarifying language to some sections of the Addendum 3 “Requirements of Designated Collaborating Organizations” (DCO)
6. Extending initial timeframe for “Contingent Certification”
7. Added clarifying language to some sections of Addendum 7 “Scope of Services”
8. Removed the requirement for utilization of “state approved vendor” for Childrens Crisis Services under Addendum 7 “Scope of Services”

### Application Process:

1. To be considered for certification as a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) an organization will submit a CCBHC application electronically to the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (BHDDH).
2. BHDDH Staff will conduct a preliminary review to ensure that all required information is submitted, and that the application is complete.
3. Once all documents are submitted and accepted for review, designated reviewers will begin the formal review process to determine if the application meets the Certification Standards issued by BHDDH.
  - a. An interagency review panel of state employees from BHDDH, EOHHS, and DCYF with experience in clinical behavioral healthcare services, Medicaid, program administration, data/evaluation and compliance monitoring, implementation of evidence-based programs or clinical practices, and other relevant subject matter expertise will score each application.
4. Upon review, the CCBHC interagency review panel will schedule an onsite assessment and will share an anticipated agenda, schedule, and materials required for review prior to the visit.
5. Based on review of the application and onsite assessment, the CCBHC interagency review panel will determine if the applicant will be certified, contingently certified, or not certified for a catchment area.