

ValleyConnect



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

As we wrap up Minority Mental Health Month, a time to elevate awareness around the behavioral health challenges that disproportionately affect racial, ethnic, and cultural minority communities.

At Valley Behavioral Health, we recognize that systemic barriers like racism, stigma, and socioeconomic inequality can make it harder for individuals in minority communities to access the care they need. These barriers contribute to higher rates of behavioral health concerns and lower access to effective, culturally appropriate support.

Improving mental health outcomes in these communities requires intentional, informed efforts and we're committed to being part of the solution. Here are a few of the ways VBH is working toward more equitable behavioral health care:

Expanding Services Where They're Needed Most

We're prioritizing underserved areas when opening new programs and locations. One example is our Children, Youth, and Family Campus in West Valley, designed to increase access for families in that community.

Investing in Culturally Competent Care

We're committed to providing ongoing training for our staff in cultural competence, humility, and sensitivity; ensuring our providers are equipped to meet clients where they are with respect and understanding.

Building a Diverse, Inclusive Workforce

We're working to ensure that our teams reflect the communities we serve. This includes widening access to job opportunities, fostering a culture of belonging, and removing systemic barriers to employment for diverse candidates.

Breaking Down Language Barriers

Language access is critical to effective care. That's why we're enhancing our interpretation and translation services, including the recent launch of Jeenie, a new on-demand interpreter platform to better support clients in their primary language.

As we continue this important work, our goal is clear: to make Valley Behavioral Health a place where every person—regardless of background—feels seen, heard, and supported. Because when care is inclusive and accessible, communities thrive.

Jared Sanford
CEO, Valley Behavioral Health

VALLEY HIGHLIGHTS



Celebrating Our Tooele Locations!

Our recent celebration for our Tooele programs was a fantastic evening filled with fun festivities and community spirit! Attendees enjoyed a variety of activities, including games, a petting zoo, face painting, and balloon animals. Thank you to everyone who showed up and made the event such a success. We are incredibly fortunate to have such an amazing community and staff in Tooele. Your support means the world to us!



Molina Valley BBQ & Resource Fair

We had an incredible turnout at our BBQ Resource Fair this week over 400 people came out to enjoy good food, connect with community partners, and pick up summer resource bags!

Huge thanks to Molina Health Care for partnering with us to host this event, Lunch Pro for the delicious food, and all of our amazing community organizations who showed up to support and provide services.

- Sacred Circle
- UDVC
- TakeCare Utah
- USARA
- UTA
- Utah Pride Center
- Alliance House
- Inclusive Minded
- Flourish Therapy
- Justice by Objectives
- Health Department
- Multicultural Counseling Center

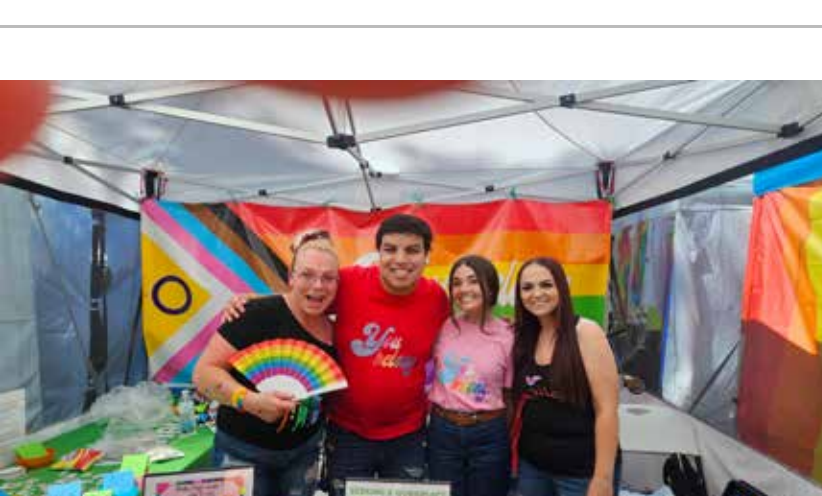
We're especially grateful to our Valley volunteers and staff who made the day run smoothly. We couldn't have done it without you! Our clients mean the world to us, and we're honored to show up for them in meaningful ways like this.



The Valley Team Shines at Utah's Pride Festivals!

During Pride Month, our Valley team showed up with love and support at Utah Pride, Tooele Pride, and West Valley City Pride! We're so grateful for the chance to connect with and celebrate the LGBTQIA+ community.

A huge thank you to our Valley Pride Committee for your energy, and commitment to making everyone feel seen, valued, and like they truly belong.



Fund Development Updates

We would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their generous donations in June and July:

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EMPLOYEE ACHIEVEMENTS

We are thrilled to recognize and celebrate the exceptional team members who consistently go above and beyond in their dedication to Valley Behavioral Health's mission. Join us in honoring our Most "Valleyable" Players: **Oliver Dekairelle, Katie Ahlstrom, Jacqueline Kende, Krys Fulton, Rob Dickerson, Brandi Kolditz, Jamal Barakat, and Andrew Owen.** Their unwavering commitment to excellence truly embodies the core values that propel our organization forward.

Additionally, we extend our acknowledgment to those marking milestone "Valleyversaries," including: **Jody Johnson, Joann Ratto, Tam DeRushia, Tom Clark, Claudie Jan, and Aaron Higley.**

Finally, a warm congratulations to our recently promoted employees! Your outstanding growth and accomplishments are truly inspiring. The impact you've made through your dedication and compassion is invaluable, and we are deeply grateful for your ongoing commitment to making a difference in the lives of others.

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