

Are there behavioral services that you think should be available for children in your area that are not currently available?

- More options for partial hospitalization, increase in psychiatric care providers, more collaboration with school staff
- I think there is a huge need for services regarding challenging behaviors, specifically with an autism diagnosis. Applied behavior analysis at Hills & Dales has been amazing for my son. However, there are many others that could benefit. It has given him so many new opportunities and changed his trajectory for the future. The barrier has been keystone AEA. Their insistence on being the ONLY people who can serve children with autism has been incredibly unfortunate and caused so much stress for my family and others. Community services (like Hills & Dales ABA) need to be allowed to collaborate with school teams. Keystone is not the expert in these types of supports. They've done nothing but cause a rift between the school and the expert professionals. Thankfully DCSD and Hills & Dales staff have been diligent on working together to ensure that my son receives the best of his medial services and a supportive learning environment at school. Collaboration of professionals and educators is what is needed for children in our area. It takes a village and we all need to find ways to work together.
- I think there should be more access to mental health services in schools similar to what Tanager is doing in collaboration with school districts; remove barriers to accessing these services for children and work along side educators to support children in being successful
- Sub acute care, increased home based mental health services, increased support of parents with children with mental health, better collaboration and coordination between the MH system, DHS system and Juven&court systems. We need a greater range of MH services to prevent kids with MH falling into the other systems after repeatedly not getting help they need and often experiencing family and individual trauma through the process