The CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) has designated one organization in each of the 5 behavioral health regions in the state to serve as a Regional Behavioral Health Action Organization (RBHAO). The RBHAOs serve as Strategic Community Partners within their region, providing priority needs assessment, technical assistance, coordination, integration, training and advocacy, and linking the region to the state.

Services

- Assess the behavioral health needs of children, adolescents and adults across the regions.
- Develop Regional Strategic Plans to include priority recommendations for prevention, treatment and recovery services.
- Administer the Local Prevention Council (LPC) grants to municipalities to stimulate the development and implementation of prevention activities.
- Build the capacity of local communities to understand and address problem gambling.
- Raise awareness and provide advocacy to the general public related to mental health promotion and substance abuse prevention, treatment and recovery.
- Leverage funds to support prevention, treatment and recovery activities across each region.
- Maintain the statutory requirements for meetings and membership for the organization.
- Serve on local, regional and statewide advisory and planning bodies.
- Provide naloxone (Narcan) training and kit distribution to communities.