



Is My Organization Ready to Apply?

Achieve Behavioral Health Accreditation For Your Organization

Take this quick quiz and find out!

If you answer "**YES**" to at least 20 questions, your behavioral health organization has leading business practices in place that address some of our key foundational accreditation requirements. You are prepared to move onto the next step in the process – submitting a completed application.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	YES	NO
Has your organization served at least three individuals, with at least two currently active? For foster care agencies, do you have at least three foster homes, with at least two providing care for at least one foster child or adult?		
Are you in compliance with all your federal, state, or local laws and regulations?		
Does your organization meet the applicable fire code?		

LEADERSHIP	YES	NO
Do the mission, vision, and goals of your organization support safety and quality of care, treatment or services?		
Do ethical principles guide the organization's business practices?		
Can your organization demonstrate that it continually assesses and improves the quality of its care, treatment, and/or services?		
Does leadership manage safety and security risks in the organization?		
Are your organization's information management processes able to meet your internal and external information needs?		
Do you have a written policy to address privacy, confidentiality, and security of information about your staff and your patients?		
Does your organization have a written emergency management plan?		

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	YES	NO
Do you have a written policy in place to confirm that a person's qualifications and competencies fit with their assignment and their job responsibilities? Does it include such items as:		
- Current licensure, certification, or registration required		
– Education, training, and experience		
– A criminal background check		
- Health screening and immunization requirements		
– Proof of identity		
 A job description including minimum qualifications and competencies required 		
Does your organization provide thorough orientations for your staff?		
Is the competency of your staff to perform their job duties assessed, demonstrated, and maintained on an ongoing basis?		
Do you facilitate ongoing educational opportunities to maintain and improve the clinical competency of your staff?		

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT & IMPROVEMENT	YES	NO
Does your organization have an organized, comprehensive plan for performance improvement based on collecting and analyzing data?		
Do you use input from the individuals you serve in your performance improvement process?		

CARE, TREATMENT OR SERVICES	YES	NO
Does your organization evaluate, assess, and/or screen individuals served?		
Is this data used to create a plan for care, treatment, or services that reflects the assessed needs, strengths, preferences, and goals of the individual served?		
If providing foster care, does your agency use screening and assessment data to determine needed services and placement to match a competent foster or respite home to an individual?		
Do you identify individuals who may have experienced trauma, abuse, neglect, or exploitation?		
Are your plans for care, treatment and/or services based on the tenets of trauma informed care, recovery and resiliency?		
Does the plan for care, treatment, and services address the family's involvement?		
Does your organization use a standardized tool to assess the outcomes of care, treatment, and services provided to the individual served?		
Are the rights of the individual served respected in a manner that supports their dignity? Does this include cultural and personal values, beliefs, and preferences?		

Request an application at www.jointcommission.org/BHCS or call (630) 792-5771.