



**Parent/Professional
Advocacy League**

The Inside Track

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Parent/Professional Advocacy League Training

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Housekeeping



- Please introduce yourself in the chat – name and role (parent, family support) and where you're from



- Please keep yourself on mute - unless you are speaking - to reduce background noise



- Use the 'raise hand' or chat to let us know when you'd like to speak



- Please type questions into the chat box

Welcome to the Inside Track



- Bi-monthly meeting focused on policy, updates and networking
- **Knowledge is power –and impact**
- PPAL believes that families should have access to all information that affects them, and be able to provide feedback
- **You will get a link to the slides and resources within the week**
- Funded by the Klarman Family Foundation



Agenda

- Community Updates
 - DMH PACT
 - DESE Update
- Juvenile Justice Updates
 - PPAL signs onto Bill
 - ARPA Funding
 - CRA Reform
- Policy Updates
 - ABC Mental Health Omnibus Bill
 - Online Portal to track BH Boarding and available beds
 - Behavioral Health Technical Assistance Program
- Networking + Resource Sharing.

Community Updates



1. DMH PACT-

of slots per region, team outline and intensive services

2. Media articles:

Boston Magazine, CBS News, WBUR

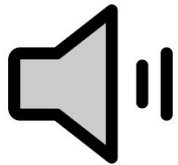
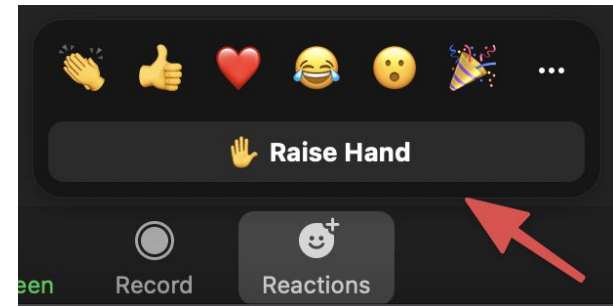
3. Restraint and Seclusion Update

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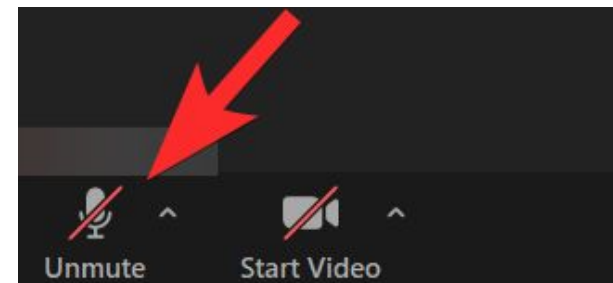
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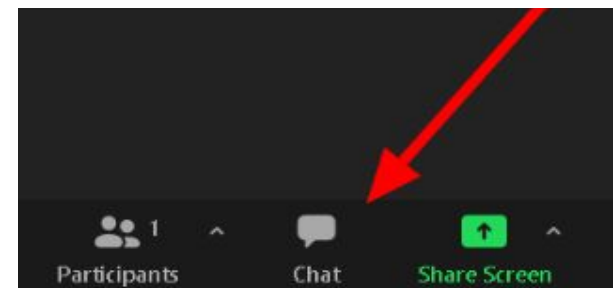
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Juvenile Justice

- PPAL signs onto bill
- ARPA Funding in regions
- CRA reform

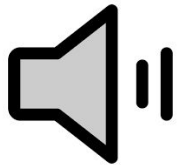
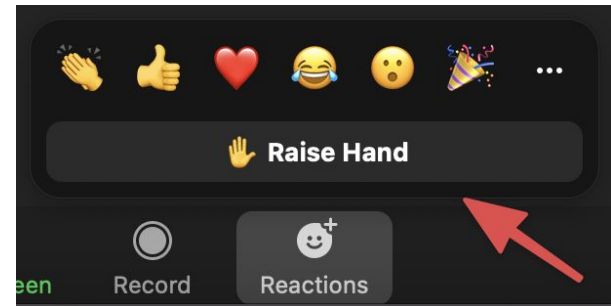


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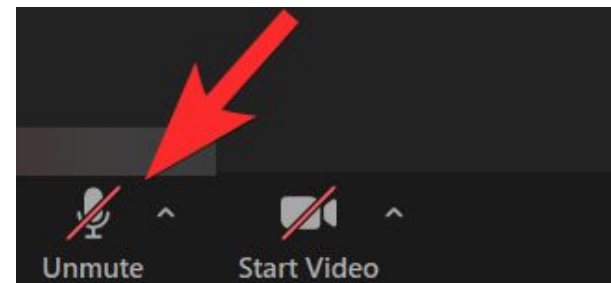
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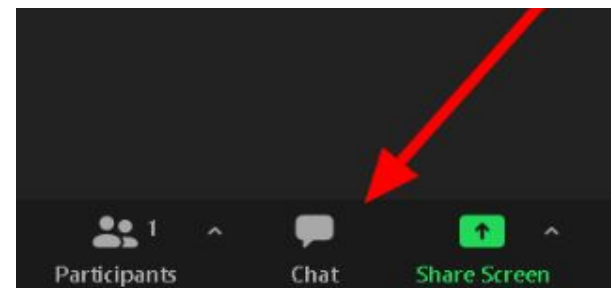
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Policy Updates

ABC Mental Health Omnibus

- Online Portal to track BH Boarding and available beds

Develop and maintain online portal that enables professional access to real-time data on youth who are:

- boarding
- awaiting residential disposition
- in the care or custody of a state agency awaiting discharge to an appropriate setting

Terms to know:

“Boarding”: waiting 12+ hrs→ placed in an appropriate therapeutic setting after being assessed + determined in need of: acute psychiatric treatment, crisis stabilization unit placement, community-based acute treatment, intensive community-based acute treatment, continuing care unit placement or post-hospitalization residential placement. (no emergency physical conditions)

“Awaiting residential disposition”: waiting 72+ hrs→ moved from acute psychiatric care to a less intensive/ restrictive, clinically-appropriate level of psychiatric care.

Policy Updates

ABC Mental Health Omnibus

- Online Portal includes the following data:

1. Total number of youth **boarding**, by location and setting
2. Total number of youth **awaiting residential disposition**, by location, setting, and placement sought
3. Total number of youth, in the care or custody of a state agency, who are hospitalized and have **waited 72+ hours for discharge** after having been determined to no longer need hospital-level care.

← For each category of data, the online portal shall include:

- Average wait time for discharge
- **Level of care required**
- Primary behavioral health diagnosis and relevant co-morbidities
- **Primary reason for boarding, awaiting residential disposition or discharge**
- Whether youth are involved with DCF, DYS, DMH, DDS
- **Insurance coverage type**
- Demographic Data

Policy Updates

ABC Mental Health Omnibus

- Online Portal has a real-time bed search

A bed search within a specified geographic region including:

- **Total number of beds** licensed by DMH, DPH and EEC
- **Total number of available beds**, broken down by location, licensing authority, age ranges and the distance, in miles, from where a youth currently resides and is boarding
- Average **daily bed availability** and **length of stay**, broken down by licensing authority and age ranges
- Daily **bed admissions** + **discharges**, broken down by licensing authority and age ranges
- Facility or location in which a youth was admitted

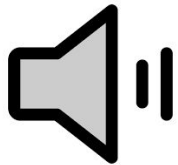
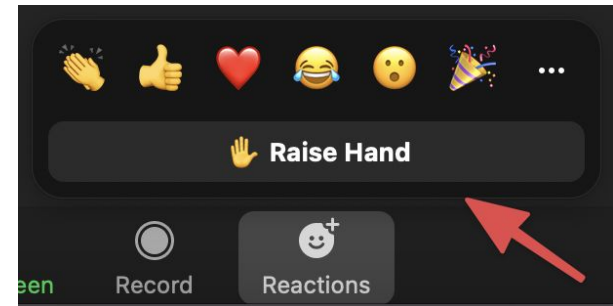
- The **specific availability of placements**:
 - pediatric acute psychiatric beds
 - crisis stabilization unit beds
 - community-based acute treatment beds
 - intensive community-based acute treatment beds
 - continuing care beds
 - post-hospitalization residential beds

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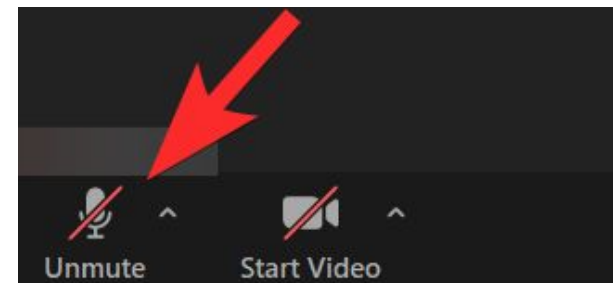
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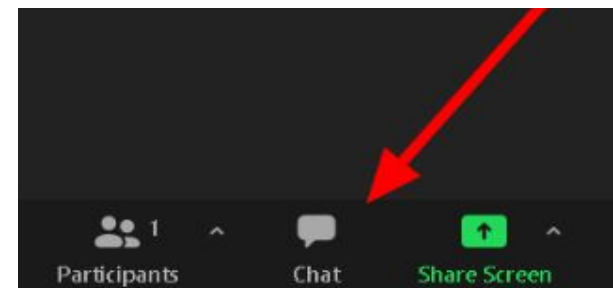
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Policy Updates

ABC Mental Health Omnibus



- Behavioral Health Technical Assistance Program

Provides school administrators, teachers, and school behavioral health staff with web-based, in-person and remote supports in order to plan, administer and manage *behavioral health promotion, prevention and intervention* services and supports, including:

- Ensuring equitable, linguistically-competent, culturally-competent and developmentally appropriate responses
- Engagement of families/ guardians
- Access to services

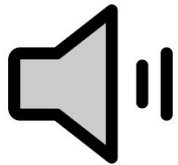
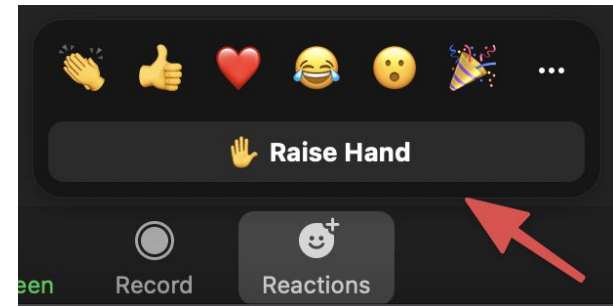
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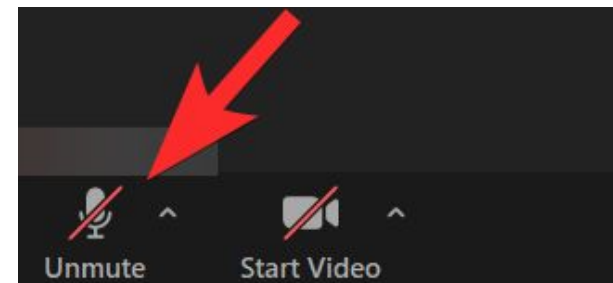
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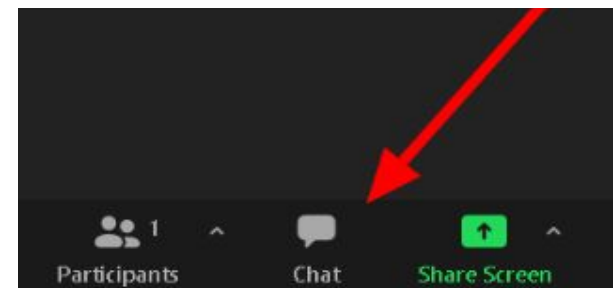
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Networking—

Do you have

resources

job opportunities

recommendations

requests

that you would like to share?

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