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Beacon Health Options Awards More Than \$66,000 in Behavioral Health Community Reinvestment Grants to Five Organizations Serving Skamania County

[Grants Will Help Develop Non-traditional Pathways for Delivery of Prevention, Early Intervention and Crisis Services](#)

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 24, 2018 – A total of \$66,100 in Behavioral Health Community Reinvestment grants from Beacon Health Options will enable five local organizations to expand the role of volunteers and peers in the delivery of behavioral health services to Skamania County individuals and families.

“The Behavioral Health Community Reinvestment grants align with our vision of improving the health and well-being of individuals so they can live a life of recovery, resiliency and independence,” said Beacon Health Options Account Partnership Director, Washington, Inna Liu. “Our investment into non-traditional pathways for prevention, early intervention and crisis services will help better meet the behavioral health needs of Skamania County residents by allowing them to access quality care locally instead traveling out of the county or state for services.”

Grant recipients are:

- **Skamania County Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault** – The \$10,000 grant will help to enhance the Teen Leadership Council (TLC), a peer mentor program designed to provide teens with evidenced-based curriculums, including *Second Step* that will help them establish and maintain healthy relationships.
- **NAMI Southwest Washington (SWWA)** – The \$13,000 grant will expand NAMI SWWA mental health education and outreach services to Skamania County. NAMI SWWA plans to bring programming focused on mental health for family, friends, and teachers, and expand its suicide prevention program, “I’d Ask,” during Suicide Prevention Month in September. The creation of an ongoing volunteer position will connect Skamania County to NAMI SWWA programs and services and support continued outreach efforts to stakeholders in the community.
- **Stevenson-Carson School District** – The \$15,000 grant will be used to purchase and implement a suicide prevention curriculum in the schools. The school district envisions creating a small committee to review curriculum options, and select an evidence-based/best-practice program. The district will also sponsor at least two parent/community events to increase suicide awareness and prevention.
- **Consumer Voices are Born (CVAB)** – The \$8,100 grant will allow CVAB to provide Mental Health First Aid Training for up to 30 people and facilitate a community-wide listening session and resource awareness fair.
- **Trauma Intervention Program (TIP)** – The \$20,000 grant will expand the TIP program to Skamania County, training volunteers to provide emotional support for community members experiencing a traumatic event. The program includes the training of teens to serve as peers in school situations and hospitals, as well as at home.

Beacon began serving Southwest Washington Regional Service Area (RSA), which includes the rural county of Skamania, in 2016. The company administers behavioral health crisis services for all individuals in this RSA regardless of their insurance status or income level, as well as additional non-crisis services for eligible individuals who lack insurance coverage. For additional information, visit wa.beaconhealthoptions.com.

About Beacon Health Options

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