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## About the BHWRC

The [Behavioral Health Workforce Research Center \(BHWRC\)](#) is proud to present its inaugural newsletter! The newsletter will be issued quarterly and used to connect behavioral health care workers, policy makers, and other interested stakeholders.

In each issue, we will update you on upcoming events and outreach activities, highlight our recent presentations, and discuss new research.

The BHWRC strives to conduct research to help produce a behavioral health care workforce of sufficient size and skill to meet the nation's behavioral health needs. The Center is housed at the University of Michigan School of Public Health and works with a national consortium of partners and experts in mental health, substance abuse, and health workforce research.

The Center has three research areas: 1) establishing a minimum data set for the behavioral health workforce, 2) conducting studies on worker characteristics and practice settings, and 3) analyzing state scopes of practice. The Behavioral Health Workforce Research Center is a joint initiative of the Health Resources and Services Administration and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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