

Washington Thriving

2026 legislative wrap up

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Washington
Thriving

Statewide strategic plan for
prenatal through age 25
behavioral health



Washington Thriving envisions a future where every pregnant person, baby, child, youth, and young adult is thriving, supported by their caregivers, families, and communities.

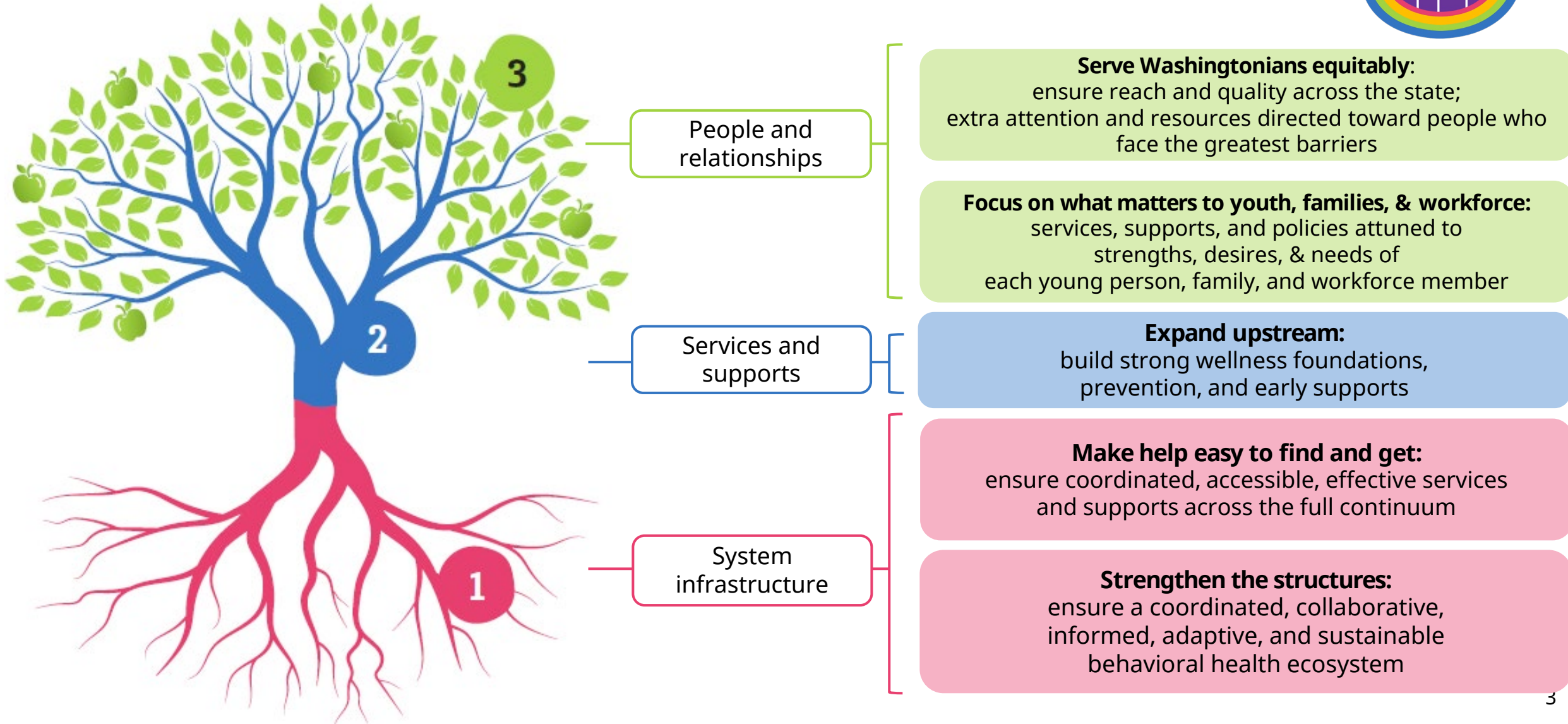
Every Washingtonian understands how behavioral health affects well-being and recognizes when young people need support.

Washington Thriving
Strategic Plan



<https://plan.washingtonthriving.org/>

Washington Thriving Goals



2026 Legislative Session



System of Care Infrastructure

1

Update Statute Governing Children & Youth Behavioral Health Work Group

State implementation of Washington Thriving (Executive Branch)

HB 2429

First Initiatives Service Continuum

2

Perinatal behavioral health

Increase services & supports for families, including families who have SUD

3

K-12 student behavioral health

HB 1634



[House Bill 2429](#) establishes leadership, goals and overarching infrastructure for Washington to begin devising a comprehensive system of care for prenatal through age 25 behavioral health and well-being:

- Requires the behavioral health system align with the plan and be implemented equitably
- Requires the Governor support and facilitate coordination between state agencies to follow the framework of the plan
- Establishes executive coordination in the Governor's office to monitor implementation of the plan
- Establishes a leadership council in the Governor's office to implement the plan, including state agency leaders, tribal representatives, and people with lived experience
- Updates the [Children and Youth Behavioral Health Workgroup \(CYBHWG\)](#) to advise this leadership council



- [House Bill 1634](#) directs the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Educational Service Districts and community partners to
 - develop a technical assistance and training framework
 - to help schools in evidence-based and evidence-informed practices
 - for behavioral health prevention, early identification, early intervention, crisis intervention and connection to services for students and their families.