

Waco-McLennan County Public Health District

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HEALTH DISTRICT LAUNCHES MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER DIRECTORY

WACO, TEXAS (APRIL 24, 2023) – The Waco-McLennan County Public Health District launched the Mental Health Provider Directory on Friday, April 21, 2023. This online directory was developed as a centralized and efficient way to assist community members in identifying mental health providers who meet their specific needs. Visit <u>waco-texas.com/MHAP</u> to access the directory.

A part of the Health District's Mental Health Access Program (MHAP), the directory is available to the McLennan County community and providers. It is a tool that will also assist Health District clients to self-refer to mental health providers. The goal of the MHAP is educating about mental health and increasing the connection of community members to needed mental health providers.

"Accessing mental health care is a critical concern to our community," said LaShonda Malrey-Horne, Health District Director. "Finding help has proved challenging for people in the Waco-McLennan County Area. We created our Mental Health Provider Directory to make it easier to find providers and specific programs for those needing mental health care or trying to support others."

Health District staff will be available to help clients self-refer to identified mental health providers by assisting in navigating the platform to get needed information.

Using an advanced search engine model to streamline the search process for our community members and providers, the Mental Health Provider Directory allows people to access the correct mental provider for their needs based on the filters they select in the search engine.

The Waco-McLennan County Public Health District strives to create the healthiest county in Texas where all people can live, work, play, and thrive by improving the health and well-being of the citizens and environment of our county. For more information about the Health District, visit wacomclennanphd.org.