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Pediatric Behavioral Health: Strategy to Improve Access and Care

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It is estimated that in the United States, one in six children ages 6 to 17 years suffers from a mental health disorder, and almost 50% of those with a mental health disorder do not receive treatment. Behavioral and mental health disorders have an impact not only on the child but also on the family, community, and society. Access to behavioral health care for children, youth, and their families is challenging as many barriers exist. This presentation will describe one children's hospital's strategy to improve access and care.

Anne Brenneman is an accomplished healthcare leader in pediatrics. She is currently the Director of the University Health Center at James Madison University. Prior to that role, she served as the Administrative Director of Pediatric Behavioral Health for Intermountain Healthcare and Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. Other leadership experience included serving as the Director of Pediatric Education, Practice, and Research at Primary Children's Hospital, and serving as the Manager of the Simulation Program at Children's Hospital Colorado. Her past clinical experience is in both acute and primary care pediatrics. Anne completed her BA in Biology at Eastern Mennonite University. She then completed her BS in Nursing at The Johns Hopkins University, her MS in Nursing at Vanderbilt University as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, and her DNP in Executive Leadership also at Vanderbilt University. She is passionate about finding innovative solutions to help children, youth, and families achieve physical and mental wellness. Outside of work, Anne enjoys family road trips and growing vegetables.



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