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Press Release

Helping Hands Project Organization Awarded Behavioral Health Care & Human Services Accreditation from The Joint Commission

Everett, WA – April 30, 2026 – Helping Hands Project Organization (HHPO), a nonprofit community-based behavioral health and human services provider serving Snohomish County and the Greater Puget Sound region, has earned Behavioral Health Care & Human Services Accreditation from The Joint Commission—an independent, evidence-based organization that sets the benchmark for safe, high-quality care.

This achievement formally recognizes HHPO’s ongoing commitment to meeting rigorous national performance standards and delivering safe, high-quality, person-centered care to underserved communities.

HHPO underwent a rigorous, unannounced onsite survey in April 2026. During the visit, a team of Joint Commission surveyors evaluated compliance across key areas including leadership, environment of care, infection prevention and control, performance improvement, and patient-centered service delivery.

“This accreditation reflects the heart of our mission—ensuring that the most underserved in our community receive not just care, but quality care that is safe, culturally responsive, and rooted in dignity,” said Vivian Obah, CEO of Helping Hands Project Organization. “Our team works every day to remove barriers and build pathways to healing, housing stability, and long-term wellness. This recognition validates that work.”

Joint Commission surveyors conducted on-site observations and interviews with staff and leadership to identify strengths and opportunities for continued improvement. With decades of expertise and a data-driven accreditation process, The Joint Commission helps ensure organizations adhere to leading safety and quality standards while fostering a culture of continuous improvement.

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“Joint Commission congratulates Helping Hands Project Organization for achieving accreditation by demonstrating its focus on delivering safe and effective care of the highest quality and value,” said Ken Grubbs, Executive Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer at The Joint Commission. “Through the accreditation process, we worked closely with Helping Hands Project Organization to affirm the highest standards of healthcare quality and patient safety.”

To prepare for accreditation, HHPO strengthened internal quality assurance systems, enhanced clinical documentation practices, expanded staff training, and aligned its service delivery model with nationally recognized best practices. These efforts reflect the organization’s commitment to continuous improvement and accountability to the communities it serves.

According to the official accreditation notice, HHPO was awarded Accredited status for all services surveyed, effective March 27, 2026, for up to a 36-month cycle .

For more information about The Joint Commission, visit www.jointcommission.org.

About Helping Hands Project Organization:

Helping Hands Project Organization is a nonprofit behavioral health and human services organization based in Everett, Washington. Founded in 2019, HHPO provides outpatient mental health services, substance use treatment, case management, housing navigation, and culturally responsive food access programs. HHPO is committed to empowering underserved communities through equitable access to care, resources, and opportunities for long-term success.

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