

## About the Bureau for Behavioral Health

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Behavioral Health (BBH) supports West Virginians' wellness, resilience, and recovery.

BBH, in accordance with the Public Health Service Act, is the federally designated single state agency responsible for planning, carrying out and evaluating activities to prevent and treat substance abuse and related activities.



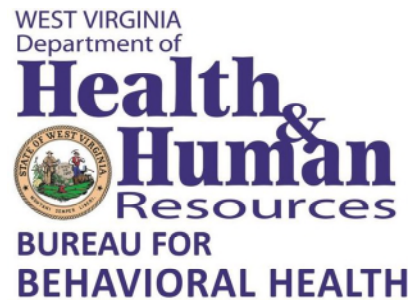
**The STLR project is looking for new counseling, psychology, and social work master's level therapists.**

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**Statewide Therapist  
Loan Repayment  
(STLR) Project**

*A student loan repayment  
project to grow West Virginia's  
recovery workforce*

## WHAT IS THE STATEWIDE THERAPIST LOAN REPAYMENT (STLR) PROJECT?

The Statewide Therapist Loan Repayment (STLR) project operates under the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources for the purpose of increasing the state's capacity of behavioral health workforce.

The STLR project will grow West Virginia's behavioral health workforce by repaying up to \$20,000 of an awardee's student loans in exchange for a 2-year commitment with an eligible employer who provides substance use disorder therapy in the state.

After graduation from eligible programs at educational institutions such as Marshall University, West Virginia University, and Concord University, candidates may apply for the award by November 4, 2019.

Priority will be given to applicants who are in recovery themselves and have "lived" experience.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The STLR project is focused on recruiting new counseling, psychology, and social work master's level therapists.

### Eligibility includes:

1. Individuals who have graduated from a master's level therapist program in counseling, psychology, or social work between May 1, 2018 and August 31, 2019, or
2. Individuals who are in their final year of a master's level therapist program in counseling, psychology, or social work and will graduate by August 31, 2020.

Candidates must be eligible to practice in West Virginia as a behavioral health therapist in the fields of:

- Counseling
- Psychology
- Social Work



## ELIGIBLE WV EMPLOYERS

- Comprehensive Behavioral Health Centers
- Licensed Behavioral Health Centers
- Veterans Administration Centers
- Office-based Medication Assisted Treatment
- Health Right or other free clinics
- Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP)
- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Private practices that accept Medicaid payment for behavioral health care