



2017-2018 Project Work Plan

Focus Area 2: Characteristics and Practice Settings

- **Behavioral health service delivery in vulnerable and underserved populations:** Building on the pilot study conducted in 2016 with behavioral health organizations in Michigan, the Center will work to expand the study population to include a national sample of states. The purpose of this study is to survey organizations providing behavioral health care services to rural and underserved communities to assess workforce supply and needs, barriers to recruiting and retaining care providers, and level of care integration with primary care providers serving the same population. The survey was developed and piloted in 2015-2016; this project will focus on implementing the study on a larger scale and will include emphasis on rural areas.