

RHIP and COVID-19 MINI-GRANT PROJECT SUMMARIES

COVID-19 Final Report for Treehouse Therapies Associates (RHIP) “Treehouse Therapies Telehealth Program”

Reviewed by the Behavioral Health and Promote Physical Health workgroups



Summary of Results:

- Treehouse Therapies received the COVID-19 COHC Mini-Grant to help fund our Telehealth Program.
- Telehealth was initiated at Treehouse in March 2020 in order to continue to provide much-needed physical, occupational and behavioral health therapy services to children and families with special needs throughout the pandemic.
- In order to provide these services, Treehouse invested in a HIPAA compliant telehealth conferencing system, improved computer technology, and training for staff on using and providing telehealth services.
- Due to our Telehealth program, children with special needs in Central Oregon continued to receive the therapy they needed.
- All of our services transitioned to 100% telehealth from March 16-May 4, 2020. While we were able to see some clients in person after May 4, 2020, over 1/2 of our clients remained on telehealth until June 2020.
- Currently, we are able to see the majority of our clients in person but continue to provide about 200 telehealth treatment sessions per month in order to provide a safe alternative to in-person care for children, families, and our therapists who need it.

Story:

We see many children who are immune-suppressed and at high risk. We also see a number of children who travel to our clinics from several hours away. Through telehealth, we have been able to continue to serve children these children. Telehealth has helped us to keep children and therapists safe throughout the pandemic while still providing much-needed therapy to help them reach their functional goals. In addition, children who once had to travel several hours each way to receive care are now able to receive care in the comfort of their own home and spend more time being kids and implementing what they have learned instead of on the road!