



Community Consortium Overview

A critical component of the allcove model is the Community Consortium. The Consortium is a strategic partnership that is comprised of service partners from the local community that work together to offer comprehensive support in a coordinated way for young people aged 12-25. The Consortium ensures local ownership of services and works to identify strategic priorities related to the quality, safety and sustainability of the service model and then responds to these priorities through shared action. It is also through the Consortium that all five service streams of the allcove model (mental health, primary care, drugs and alcohol, work-study and peer support) are delivered. Ideal organizations for Consortium membership include primary care practices, public and private mental health organizations, drug and alcohol agencies, vocational and employment service providers, schools, youth, and community and human service agencies. Representation from young people, families and target vulnerable populations will also be sought.

Allcove Community Consortium Guidelines

The allcove model is about building local capacity for young people in need. Each allcove center should be guided by a community consortium made up of representatives from the surrounding area who represent key constituencies and reflect a diversity of voices from throughout the community. The allcove center and its Consortium serve as a platform to promote collaborative practice, create access and deliver integrated care. Further information about the role, membership and logistics related to the Consortium are provided in the chart below.

Ongoing Questions Guiding the Consortium

1. How can allcove better meet the needs of 12-25 year olds in the community?
2. Are there partnerships or collaborations that could enhance the services allcove or other providers offer?
3. Can referral pathways be established to support a tighter web of care for youth served?

Role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides advice, support and assistance to the clinic • Not a governing body • Serves as a strategic partnership and identifies priorities related to quality, safety and sustainability in the context of local needs • Supports and facilitates referral pathways for allcove clients • Supports community awareness and engagement activities • Advises on the development of strategic plans, fundraising and clinical policies and procedures
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership is comprised of representatives from 4-12 organizations • Organizations representing the core service streams of the allcove model serve as the core of the membership • Consortium members should have the authority to represent and make decisions on behalf of their organization • All members are expected to be active participants
Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum contribution of 0.1 FTE is expected of Consortium members – the typical arrangement is a staff member of the partner



	<p>agency working ½ or 1 day per week out of the allcove center doing their normal job</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution is flexible for member organizations that cannot provide staffing but can otherwise support collaborative service delivery and referral pathways for young people
Frequency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Consortium will meet regularly (six times in the establishment year and four times per year thereafter)
Independent or Competitively Selected Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Consortium will be led by a Chair who is not an employee of Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services or Stanford University; they will be an independent member of the community and/or selected through a competitive proposal process.
Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two year membership term • Consortium members will sign a Memorandum of Understanding which details the roles and responsibilities of the Consortium and the term of service
Subcommittees	<p>Consortium subcommittees may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical/Continuity of Care • Finance • Underserved Populations • Program Development • Evaluation
Benefits of Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributing to the priority setting and strategic development of an innovative new community center • Providing young people with easy access and supported warm referral pathways to partner agencies • Working with other local agencies in planning the best response for complex cases, filling in some of the existing gaps in care • Being part of broad-based, youth-friendly, local community engagement and awareness activities delivered collaboratively

The Consortium Chair

The Consortium is led by an independent or competitively selected chairperson who is not a representative of Santa Clara County Behavioral Health or Stanford University. The Chair will have a passion and understanding of the needs of young people and possess a strong personal commitment to improving health outcomes for the local area’s young people.

Role and Responsibilities of the Chair

- Identify opportunities to establish links with the all sectors of the community around youth health issues
- Lead the Consortium on working within their pilot goals and strategic plan
- Ensure meetings focus on the strategic and advisory role as defined
- Ensure the Consortium’s purpose and themes are being followed
- Ensure that partners operate in ethically, environmentally and socially responsible ways
- Support the allcove Clinic Manager
- Oversee the annual Consortium Performance Review



- Liaise with and represent the allcove center within the local community
- Help ensure the Consortium workload is appropriately shared between all partners

Potential Consortium Members

Lead CBO (Chair)

Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services

Stanford Center for Youth Mental Health & Wellbeing

Allcove Youth Advisory Group

Peer/Lived Experience Community

Family/Parent Community

Local High School

Local Community College

Local University

Local Social Service Agency

Local Tertiary Mental Health Agency

Substance Use Treatment Agency

Employment Agency

Housing Agency

Evaluator

Policymaker